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The Lion caged?

IN a kingdom like Ethiopia whose monarchy traces its ancestry back to the biblical King Solomon and Queen of Sheba, the idea of a popular revolution against such an enduring institution seems incredible. But Haile Selassie is something of a paradox. Living on the fringes of a continent wracked by nationalist ferment and pulsating with change, the survival of a 68-year-old emperor ruling a heterogeneous population of 16 million with almost absolute powers, is not one that Lloyd's would regard as an A1 risk.

Yet the regime which has replaced the stern-faced, bearded Negus, who himself secured accession to the throne through a British-organised revolt, is said to be headed by the Crown Prince, son of Haile Selassie. He has since proclaimed himself Emperor. Vaulting ambition mixed with personal frustration may have prompted this usurpation, or he may only be a temporary figurehead whom the Imperial Guard, credited with triggering the revolt, will depose once public backing for a popular regime is assured.

The big question is the political sympathies of the coup leaders, their effectiveness as rulers and their plans for the country. In 1955, a new constitution sought to impose limitations on Haile Selassie's powers. The emperor may be no more than an attempt to introduce a constitutional monarchy and a number of much-needed reforms. On the other hand, Ethiopia, like Egypt and Iraq, may be shedding its British-sponsored monarch for good. And like a host of other newly-independent nations it may now embark on a policy of playing off East against West in the hope of attracting aid and capital to solve its many internal problems and poverty.

Twenty years ago, Selassie was a national hero when he marched at the head of his conquering army to sweep out Mussolini's forces who had cruelly subjugated his land five years earlier. Since then a new generation has grown up unimpressed by his greatness and undoubtedly inflamed by the elaborate Soviet propaganda system in the country to seek greater freedom. The resilient 'Lion of Judah' may yet make a comeback but there is nevertheless wide scope for reform and much to be said for moves aimed at relieving him of his autocratic powers. If the rebels fall in their takeover bid, he would be wise to make this his first duty.

Pall of smoke hangs over battered city VIENTIANE POUNDED BY GUNS

Refugees stream over border into neighbouring Thailand

Black smoke hung over battered Vientiane this afternoon as artillery and mortar fire from pro-Communist guns, apparently on the northern outskirts, set widespread fires burning throughout the city.

U.S. DENIES VIETNAM CHARGES

Washington, Dec. 15. Two U.S. aircraft carriers and an amphibious force of 1,400 Marines are now deployed in the South China Sea, the Navy said today.

The statement was made in response to inquiries after the Communist regime of North Vietnam charged that the U.S. 7th Fleet was poised in the area for possible intervention in strife-ridden Laos.

The Navy said the carriers, the Marines and "several destroyers" have been engaged for a number of weeks in training exercises in the Philippines-South China Sea areas.

SIMILAR ELEMENT

"The exercises are designed to improve the readiness posture of the participating ships and of the 1,400 Marines of the 3rd Marine Division which are embarked on the amphibious transports Paul Fierore and Monticello," the Navy said.

The statement said a similar amphibious element has long been deployed with the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. It said the formation of the Far East force as a "permanent element of the 7th Fleet" was announced last July.

The carriers involved are the Bennington and the Lexington. The Bennington is equipped with helicopters that can be used in transporting Marines to training beachheads.—UPI.

Vientiane, Dec. 15.

The bulk of Captain Kong Le's pro-Communist forces were reported to have retired north of the city, and token resistance forces left in the city are putting up a stiff fight.

But heavily reinforced right-wing forces—led by General Phoumi Nosavan—pushed slowly forwards through the city as the mass evacuation of the population continued.

Plebeian houses with roofs shaped like Buddhist temples went up like tinder, and crying women fled from the blaze carrying children.

Out of range

Men threw bedding out of their houses and ran, and bicycles, cars and trucks were being used to get family household effects out of the range of fire.

Five thousand refugees are estimated to have fled from Vientiane at Ban Bo-O trying to find transport to neighbouring Thailand.

Eyewitnesses said fires were raging in the compound of the United States operations mission but it was impossible to get near because fighting was going on around the compound.

Also on fire was the service quarters of the head of the French Military Mission, General Pierre Dailleur, and fire also threatened his house.

Casualties

The office of the Central Hospital said late this morning that five soldiers had been killed, and 10 wounded. Fifty civilians were dead and 200 wounded.

General Phoumi's troops—wearing white armbands in contrast to Capt Kong's forces, who were red—began attacking the city on Tuesday from the east and north.

French eyewitnesses who drove through to the airfield three miles west of the city this morning reported that most of Kong Le's troops had withdrawn to the north, along the road to the Royal capital of Luang Prabang, taking their Russian howitzers with them.

An artillery duel began after a relief column arrived with tanks and artillery to support Gen. Phoumi. They fired over the top of Vientiane with 105-millimetre howitzers, and Kong Le's forces returned the barrage.

Embassy fire

Shells from the retreating pro-Communist forces set the American embassy on fire. They also started more than 10 fires in the heart of the capital.

Nobody was injured in the American Embassy fire, but the front of the building was completely destroyed.

Ambassador Winthrop Brown was in his shirt-sleeves directing the fire-fighting efforts and the evacuation of embassy staff.

Thirty Americans, Thais and other refugees arrived in Bangkok tonight by plane from Udorn, northeast Thailand after fleeing from Laos.

They were the first group among nearly 230 who fled flaming Vientiane to Nongkhai on the Thai side of the Mekong River to reach Bangkok.

Other refugees were expected to arrive here today.

American wives who had earlier been evacuated to Bangkok from Vientiane, greeted their returning husbands with hugs and tears at the American Embassy.

According to USIS here, more American and other refugees would arrive in Bangkok tomorrow by train from Nongkhai.—Reuters and UPI.

Sir Winston honorary fireman

New York, Dec. 15. Sir Winston Churchill, statesman, soldier, author, politician and sometime bricklayer, is today an honorary fireman.

It is announced that he had been chosen, along with President-elect John Kennedy and Vice-President Nixon, as an Honorary Life Member at Alexandria, Va., for the Firemen's Veterans of the Fire Engine Company, which was organized by George Washington in 1774.

Sir Winston is the first man outside the United States ever to be so honoured.

In naming Sir Winston, the fire company president, Mr Marshall Beverley, described him as "a great statesman, who has fought for peace and is admired and respected by all Americans."—Reuters.

Macmillan in accident

London, Dec. 15. Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, escaped injury tonight when his official car in which he was being driven was in collision with another vehicle.

Both vehicles were badly damaged.

The accident occurred a short distance away from Mr Macmillan's temporary London residence at Admiralty House. It is believed he was on his way to the House of Commons.—Reuters.

Escaped with one leg: now has none

Dunstable, Dec. 15. An escaped one-legged prisoner was recaptured last night after being hit by an express train.

The accident will cost him his remaining leg.

Dennis Bridges, 22, lost his first leg when, vainly trying to rescue a dog trapped on a railway line in 1955. He was

awarded the animal's Victoria Cross and £2,100. While in prison on a charge of receiving stolen property, he was taken to a Cambridge health centre yesterday to be fitted with an artificial limb.

Evading his escort he got away. He had been at liberty until last night when, in circumstances not explained, he was

QUAKERS WANT US TO PAY MORE TAX

London, Dec. 15. Mr George Thomas (Labour) asked in the House of Commons today what demands had been received from those who pay salary tax in Hongkong that salary taxes should be raised.

He also asked what reply had been made.

Mr Ian Macleod, the Colonial Secretary, replied: "None, Sir."

Mr Thomas: "The Society of Friends in Hongkong made representations in this sense to the colonial government there, have you not been informed about this? Is not it worthwhile taking an interest when reputable citizens who pay income tax take the unusual course of saying there is a need of even higher taxes?"

DON'T PAY

Mr Macleod told him: "You should not get so cross... I know perfectly well that the Society of Friends have made representations, but the society, using a society does not pay salary taxes."

Mr Thomas: "You are evading this issue, the society made these representations as individuals, saying that they as income tax payers, felt there was this need for you not going to do something about this? The last time income tax was raised in Hongkong was 1950-1951."

Mr Macleod replied: "Far from evading the issue I am answering the question you put on the order paper, of course notice has been taken of the representations that have been made by the society and they have been informed that the Hongkong Government's intentions about taxation can only be disclosed to the Legislative Council."

SALARIES COMMISSION

Later, Mr Macleod rejected a suggestion by Mrs. Patricia Castle (Labour) that he should instruct the Governor of Hongkong to appoint a new salaries commission, including representatives of organisations of women Civil Servants, to consider the application of the principle of equal pay in the Government service in Hongkong.—Reuters.

Miner loses desperate fight

Toronto, Dec. 16. British-born Alan Rose, 26, died in hospital on Thursday night, losing a three-week fight for his life after being trapped for nearly 70 hours in a debris-choked tunnel of a Canadian gold mine.

Rose was in a critical condition since his right foot was amputated on Friday. Immediate cause of death was given as hemorrhage of the bowels brought on by the failure of his kidneys.

He had been bleeding internally and had a high fever before his death. Doctors used an artificial kidney nine times in an attempt to keep him alive, after he earlier survived three major operations.—AP.

ADDIS ABABA COUP NOT RED INSPIRED

Stockholm, Dec. 15. Mr Teferi Chareou, the Ethiopian Minister here, said today that it was "a big mistake to conclude that the Ethiopian coup d'etat is Communist-inspired."

"We do not take sides either for East or West. We are Ethiopians first and foremost," he told a Press conference.

"There will be no civil war in Ethiopia as long as Emperor Haile Selassie does not summon other forces on the pretence that the coup is Communist-inspired."

"He has misused his people's goodwill," went on Mr Chareou. "He must take the consequences. We shall not do any harm to the Emperor. Family because we do not believe in shedding blood."

Mr Chareou said he received from the Ethiopian Foreign Office today a report on the coup in Addis Ababa.

Peaceful change

This stated that a peaceful change of regime had taken place under the leadership of Crown Prince Asfa Wossen, with the support of the public and the defence forces.

"This change of regime has been made for the purpose of eliminating the corruption which had spread in government departments and to introduce progressive institutions aimed at promoting the nation's general welfare," the official report said.

It added that the new government's foreign policy was aimed at maintaining mutual friendly relations with all countries.

Mr Chareou said this world has never had a fair picture of conditions in Ethiopia. The

picture for abroad was based on propaganda entirely in favour of the Emperor.

"Freedom of expression has been quite unknown. The people have lived under the oppression of a secret police and people have been condemned without coming before proper courts," he said.

Remarkable

The Minister went on to say that the Emperor's speeches to the nation were written by an American called Spencer who has lived in Ethiopia for 25 years. Apart from other privileges Spencer had an annual salary of about £36,000.

"It is remarkable that a representative of the democratic American people had stood beside a feudal absolute ruler as adviser and counselled him in a direction contrary to everything which could be called democracy," the Minister said.—Reuters.

TYPHOON PHYLLIS GETTING NEARER

Tokyo, Dec. 16. Typhoon Phyllis moved directly toward Manila today with peak winds of 81 mph.

The storm was located 645 miles east of Manila, moving west at 7 mph. It was expected to be 484 miles east of Manila tomorrow morning.—UPI.

CAN ISRAEL PRODUCE A-BOMBS?

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Dec. 15. Anglo-American intelligence authorities believe that Israel is well on the way to producing her first nuclear bomb.

This led to a rush meeting of intelligence chiefs and politicians, including Senator John Kennedy in Washington last week which was headed by Mr Allen Dulles, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The official Israel atomic energy authority said tonight that Israel hadn't yet enough nuclear industry to build a bomb.

But Western intelligence men consider this a cover-up to avert strong reaction the Israelis expect from Nasser and other anti-Israel leaders in the Middle East.

CONCERNED

British and United States defence chiefs are deeply concerned because they fear that intense feeling between the Israelis and the Egyptians, and the tie-up of Nasser and the Russians could touch off a global war if Israel were to threaten to use atomic weapons against Egypt.

The Israelis have kept secret any atomic power reactors which produce nuclear explosive.

A team of U.S. experts recently carried out a survey of all nations which could become atomic powers in the near future. Israel was not considered among them.—Express Service.

New York, Dec. 15.

A giant B52D jet bomber exploded and was destroyed by a crash landing at Lorton air force base today. One of the 10 crewmen was reported injured, but he was not believed hurt seriously.—AP.

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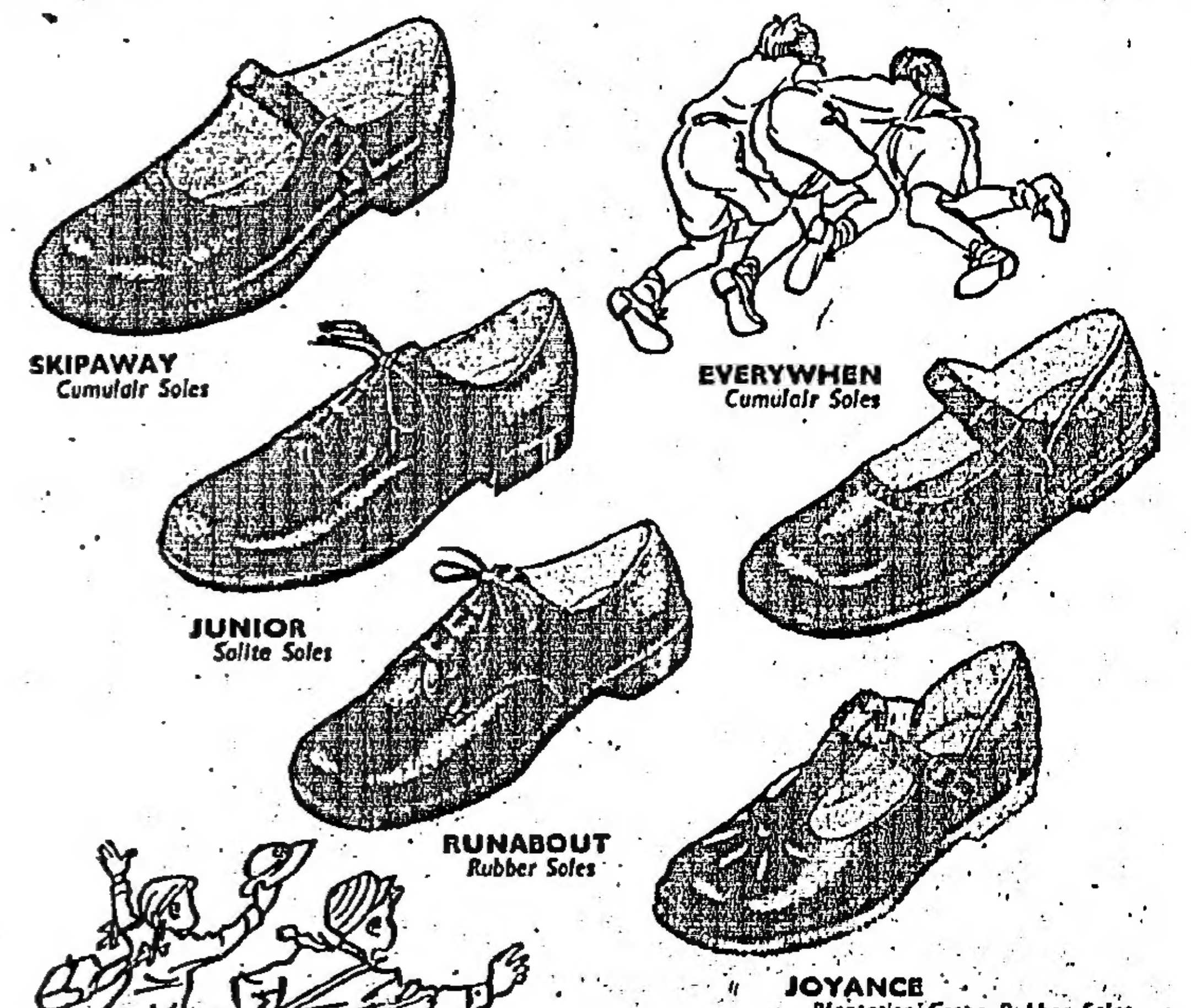
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WEEKLY REPORT ON THE HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCKS EASE FURTHER

★ The share market at a glance ★

	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Up or Down	Dividend & Bonus	Yield (%)
HK Bank	1325	1325	1325	1320	1415	-5	—	3.3
Lombard	43	42½	43	43½	43½	—	—	4.0
Union	125	126	124	124½	124½	—	—	2.8
Whitlock	8.85	9.00	9.55	9.40	8.35	-6c	—	6.4
HK Wharf	244½	246½	270	270	200	-17	—	5.9
HK Docks	107	110	114	114	114	—	—	4
Talkoo Docks	64	68	69½	72	70½	-1½	—	5.1
Provident	22	22.20	23.20	23.80	23.40	-40c	—	3.3
HK Hotels	42	43½	43½	42½	41½	-1½	—	3.3
HK Lands	60	60½	71	70	72	+2	—	6.8
HK Realty	1.90	1.90	2.025	1.95	1.925	-25c	—	5.1
HK Trams	32½	32	32½	32½	32	-½	—	7.7
Star Ferry	176½	180½	187	185	185	—	—	4.1
Yau Ma Tei	103½	105	111	113	113	—	—	5.6
Ch. Light	24.50	25	28.10	26.60	26.20	-40c	—	4.6
Electric	25.10	26.10	31½	30½	29.60	-85c	—	6.3
HK Telephone	36½	37	38½	37½	38	+25c	—	4.1
G. I. Cement	37½	38	44½	42	42	—	—	6.3
Dairy Farm	32½	33	38½	34	32½	-1½	—	4.1
A. S. Watson	41	41	44½	41	41	-3	—	0.7
Lane Crawford	8½	8.85	10.70	10.80	10.70	-10c	—	12
Int'l Investment	6.10b	6½	8.10	8.40	8.30b	-40c	—	5.8
Allied	14.50	15.00b	15.40	15.50b	15.20	-75c	—	8
HK & PE Dev	9.60	9.65	9.95	8.95	8.20	-75c	—	—
Textile Corp	16.20	16.60	16.40	15.60	14	-1.60	—	—
Nanyang							—	—

Prices down in most sections

There was a further decline in the stock market during the week. Prices in most sections went down and volume of business was well below the previous week.

One cause of the downward trend was end-of-the-year obligations. Bank loans and advances have to be repaid.

Another contributory factor for the reduced business activity may have been the huge funds absorbed by the new Telephone shares—a total of \$15 million covering one million shares. Yesterday was the last day in which to pay up for those shares.

Apart from those factors, the decline could be a natural condition following several continuous weeks of gains.

The big leap in Banks was finally checked. The closing rate of \$1.415 was \$5 below that of the previous week.

The Electricities and Cottons continued to slide. Lands were one of the few exceptions, registering a gain of \$3 at \$73. Cements remained steady, and the Investments held firm.

The total turnover for the week under review (last Friday to yesterday) amounted to approximately \$18,020,000 compared with \$31 million the previous week, and \$32,730,000 the week before that.

Comparative closing figures show the following:

Banks: Hongkong Bank declined by \$5 at \$1.415. Insurance: Lombard remained steady at \$43; Union remained steady at \$124 (nominal).

Utilities: Trams gained 25 cents at \$138; Star Ferry rose by \$3 at \$186 (nominal); Yau Ma Tei stayed steady at \$113; China Lights lost 40 cents at \$26.20; Electric declined by 85 cents at \$29.60; Telephone gained 25 cents at \$38.

Shipping: Wheelocks lost five cents at \$9.35.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns: Hongkong Wharves lost \$4 at \$200; Hongkong Docks gained \$1 at \$114; Talkoo Docks declined by \$1½ at \$70½; Provident lost 40 cents at \$23.40.

Hotels, Lands and Buildings: Hongkong Hotels dropped by \$1½ at \$41½; Lands increased by \$3 at \$73; Realities lost 2½ cents at \$1.925.

Industries: Cements stayed steady at \$82.

Stores: Dairy Farms declined by \$1½ at \$32½; Watsons stayed steady at \$37 (buyers); Lane Crawford dropped by \$3 at \$41; Cottons: Textiles declined by 75 cents at \$8.20; Nanyang lost \$1.00 at \$1.925.

Investments: International Investments lost 10 cents at \$10.80; Allied lost 10 cents at \$8.30; Hongkong and Far East declined by 40 cents at \$15.20.

Market diary

Friday: The stock market has been very active throughout the day with interest evenly spread. Apart from Lands that fluctuated from \$69 to \$72, all other stocks maintained their rates within very narrow limits. The market closed firm. The turnover amounted to approximately \$18,020,000.

Dividend & Bonus Announcements during the week: Nanyang Cotton Mill, Ltd. Interim 50c per share.

Monday: The market opened briskly, and gains were generally registered. Interest was fairly spread, with Providents and Lands rising in price on a good volume of trading only to ease a little from their peak towards the close. Other stocks remained very steady, and the turnover was approximately \$4,650,000.

Tuesday: The market was distinctly easier and small losses were in evidence in every section. The trend however was not pronounced and appeared to be the result of caution rather than profit taking or lack of confidence. Buyers held off on the close of the day which showed a reduced turnover of approximately \$2,800,000.

Wednesday: The market was rather erratic with gains outnumbering losses at first. The movement became rather erratic within narrow limits and ended with a turnover of approximately \$2,750,000 for the half day's trading.

Thursday: Caution again dominated the market and in the limited trading which took place fractional losses were evident in most sections. Lands and Hotels were strong and maintained their prices on reasonable volume.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local interbank exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 0.67
Sterling (per £1) 12.22
Australian (per £1) 12.22
Indonesian (per 100) 2.10
Sinhalese (per 100) 2.10
Singapore (Straits) 1.21

Wide fluctuations in Wall Street

New York, Dec. 15.

Stocks went through another hectic session of wide price swings today with the majority of issues ending on the low side.

Electronics, defence stocks and specialties dominated the play. Some issues were barely able to stay quiet for more than a minute. All the motors dipped fractions while most steels gained small amounts.

Warner-Lambert lost nearly 2 in the drug, Campbell 3 in the food, and Zenith 1½ in the stock market.

American exchange volume was 8,250,000 shares. Bonds volume amounted to \$6,300,000—UPI.

Closing prices

Abtibi Pwr. & Paper	\$ 30½	Hammond Organ	33½
American Airline	21½	Heppen Newport Corp.	21½
Am. Cable & Radio Corp.	81	Imperial Tobacco	131
American Cyanamid Co.	43½	Inland Steel Co.	65½
Am. Gas & Electric	71½	International Paper	43
Am. Home Prod.	162½	Int'l Harvester	50½
Am. Mach. & Foundry	59½	International Nickel	51½
American Metal	25	Int'l Tel. & Tel.	45
Am. Natural Gas	78½	Liggett & Myers Tob. Co.	91½
Am. Oil Field	25	Lilly Tulp	51½
American Tob.	70	Lockheed Aircraft	29½
Amper	25½	Merkel	79½
Anacosta	15½	Metall Iron Works	29½
Atlas Con. Mining	62	Minnesota Mining	24
Beech Life Savers	48½	Montecatini	29½
Belling Airplane	40½	National Dairy Prod.	16½
Borden (The) Co.	58	New York Central	16½
Burroughs Add. Machine	27½	Northwestern Airlines (Com.)	10½
British Amer. Oil	22½	Otis Elevators	23½
British Columbia Elec.	40½	Oxford Paper Co.	27½
British Columbia Pwr.	32½	Pan American Airways	11½
Calif. Packing Corp.	40½	Phillips Morris	78½
Campbell Soup Co.	80	Piney Hoses	35
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	64½	Procter & Gamble	120
Citibank	64½	Pittsburgh Plate Glass	60½
Colombian Carbon Co.	57	Pure Oil	32½
Commercial Credit	170½	Rockwell	70½
Corning Glass Works	34½	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	53½
Continental Oil of Del.	54½	Shell Oil Co.	30½
Cuban Am. Sugar	34½	Shinoda Paper	24½
Delaware & Hudson Co.	34½	Sinclair Oil	35
Diamond Alkali	25½	Smith, Kline & French	40½
Douglas Aircraft	58	Southern Co. (The)	48½
Dow Chemical	23½	Standard Brands	55½
Eastman Kodak	20½	Standard Oil of Cal.	43½
Family Finance Corp.	32½	Standard Oil of Ind.	44½
Ford Motor	24½	Steel Co. of Canada	60½
General Electric	77½	Stearns Electric	59½
General Motors	41½	Studebaker-Packard Corp.	17½
Gen. Tel. & Elec.	27	Swiss Consol.	7
Goodyear Tire	14½	Sunshine Mining	7
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	81	Swift & Co.	40½
Great Northern Railway	44½	Texas Co.	30
		Thiokol Chem.	39
		Time Water Oil	37½
		Time Inc.	67
		Traders Finance	29
		Twentieth Century Fox Film	43
		U.S. Gypsum	15½
		U.S. Rubber	59½
		U.S. Smelting	15½
		U.S. Steel	75½
		U.S. Steel 7 P.C. PF	141
		Warner Bros.	23½
		Westinghouse Air Brake	55½
		Woolworth (K. W.)	67½
		Zenith Radio	100½

—UPI.

LONDON CLOSSES MIXED

London, Dec. 15.

Stocks lost their three-day bounce today and closed mixed at best as investors lost their enthusiasm under news of Britain's worsening balance of payments position.

Industrialists took the brunt of the decline with steels, motors and many blue chips finishing easier after a firm opening. Leading electricals and property shares moved up. Gold stocks moved narrowly.

Government bonds stayed quiet throughout the day. Foreign bonds made little change. Dollar stocks were irregularly lower.

Rubbers firmed. Teas stayed subdued.—UPI.

Closing prices

British Government Securities
2½% Consol.—241-1/16
2½% Govt.—239
3½% Savings 1952/55—255-15/16
3½% Savings 1955/58—271-1/2
3½% Savings 1958/61—271-1/2
Banks & Insurance
Barclays—Ord.—64 3/4

Chartered Bank—47½
Hongkong Bank—272
Lloyds Bank—24
Lombard Banking—Ord.—34 3/4
Union Insurance—273½
OIL
Royal Dutch—241½
Dutch—Ord.—34 3/4
Shell—Ord.—34 3/4
Standard Oil—Ord.—34 3/4
United Steel—Ord.—34 3/4
Vickers—Ord.—34 3/4
Industrials
Associated Elec. Industries—415 3/4
AFSC—Ord.—34 3/4
British Motor—Ord.—154 1/2
Cable & P. & T.—Ord.—101 1/2
Courtauld—Ord.—43 1/2
De La Rue—Ord.—35 1/2
Dunlop Rubber—Ord.—20 1/2
Elec. & Mus. Industries—425 3/4
Ford Motor—Ord.—122 1/2
Glanville (Holdings)—Ord.—25 1/2
Guinness (Arthur)—Ord.—80
Hawker Siddeley—Ord.—30 3/4
Marks & Spencer—"A"—Ord.—81 1/2
Rediffusion—Ord.—34 1/2
Rolls-Royce—Ord.—42 1/2
Standard-Triumph—Ord.—12 1/2

Unilever—Ord.—145 1/2
Woolworth—Ord.—57 1/4
Mines
De Beers—Ord.—101 1/2
Petaling Tin—Ord.—54
Miscellaneous
Bovmaker—Ord.—21
Canadian Pacific—Ord.—239 1/2
Hongkong & China Gas—15
Indo-China—Ord.—31 1/2
P. & O. Steam Nav.—Ord.—30 1/2
—Reuter.
Agreed merchant rates
Canadian's maximum selling 17-1/10; minimum buying 17-5/10 T/T; 17-3/4 O/D.
West German Deutschemarks maximum selling 72½.

U.S. INVESTMENT QUOTATIONS

The following are U.S. Investments as in American dollars. Buyers' prices include commissions.

Affiliated Fund	7.20	7.70
Am. Dev. Fund	4.12	4.40
Atom Dev. Fund	8.00	8.70
Axe Bought B	12.13	13.20
Bullock Fund	13.14	14.21
Canada Gen. Fund	10.50	10.91
Canadian Int. Growth	10.87	11.70
Chemical Fund	15.06	16.01
Commlth. Stock	5.93	6.22
Dividend Sh.	14.80	16.20
Dreyfus Fund	11.82	12.71
Eaton & H. Stock	12.23	13.00
Electronics Inv.	10.47	11.48
Founders Fund	10.47	11.48
Hamill Fd. Inc.	5.03	5.50
Int'l Found.	10.24	11.21
Int'l Growth	10.47	11.48
Int'l Income	5.98	6.35
Invest Tr. Boston	21.20	23.15
Keystone Canada	13.50	14.23
Mass Inv. Tr.	14.81	16.01
Mass Growth	14.81	16.01
Nat. Sec. Ser. Growth	8.66	9.46
Scudder St. & Co.	18.03	19.03
Tele. & Tel. Fd.	7.53	8.23
Value Line Fund	6.02	6.58
W. I. F.	10.47	11.48
Wellington Fund	12.80	14.23

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Federation talks AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADER ISSUES THREAT

London, Dec. 15.
Mr Joshua Nkomo, African nationalist leader from Southern Rhodesia, tonight angrily denounced as "wicked political blackmail" his exclusion from constitutional talks tomorrow on the central African colony's constitution.

Kennedy got less than half of popular vote

Washington, Dec. 15.
Senator John Kennedy defeated Vice-President Richard Nixon in the November 8 presidential election by a popular vote plurality of 111,957, complete and official tabulations showed today.

Marshal Juin testifies at trial

Paris, Dec. 15.
Marshal Alphonse Juin, France's only living marshal, today testified at the Algiers "barricades trial" here.

Asked by a defence lawyer if it was the "duty of the nation" to keep Algeria within French sovereignty, the marshal replied: "It is unthinkable that Algeria could be separated from France. This would be a danger for Algeria, for France, for Europe and for the whole free world."

Those on trial are charged with acts against the internal security of the state or complicity arising out of the January European settlers' revolt in Algiers, during which 22 people were killed—Reuters.

1 killed, 20 hurt

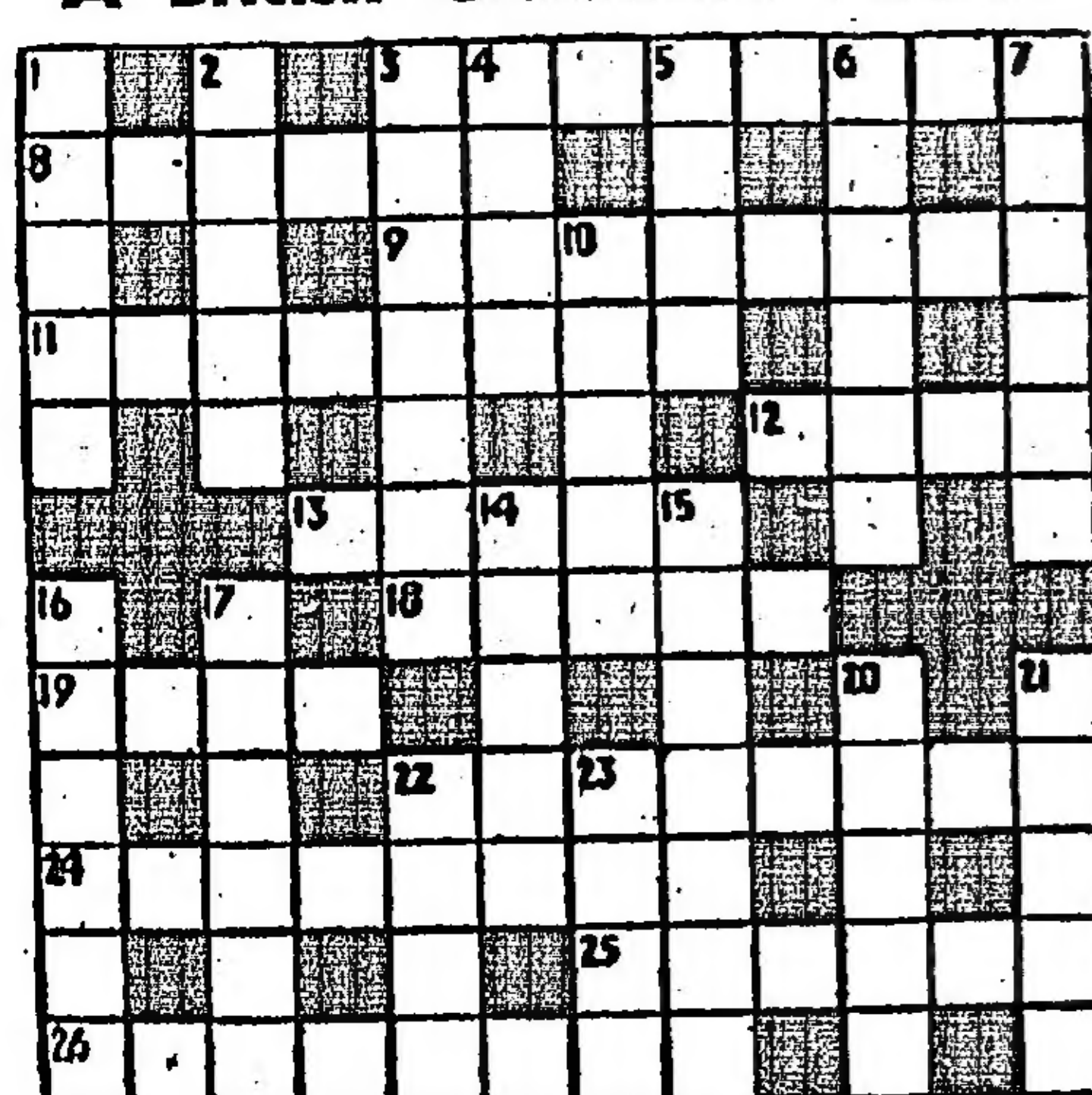
Warsaw, Dec. 15.
One woman was killed and 20 children seriously hurt today in a panic-stricken rush to flee from a burning Warsaw department store.

The small fire was quickly extinguished, but smoke filled the store and caused the crush among Christmas shoppers—UPI.

Indian land exchange

New Delhi, Dec. 15.
The Indian Government intends to carry out an agreed exchange of four and a half square miles of the Darabari area from West Bengal to Pakistan in spite of strong opposition from the Indian state of West Bengal, the Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, indicated today—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Introduced on stage (6).
 - Noisy account? (4).
 - Has several goes (8).
 - Spanish ring-masters? (8).
 - Not again! (4).
 - No drinks at this bar? (5).
 - Some of your own medicine? (6).
 - Master-stroke (4).
 - Cutting apart (8).
 - Given a peevish? (8).
 - Four-times-a-year ticket? (6).
 - Sources of building material (8).
- DOWN**
- Dowdy woman (5).
 - Not a neighbourly feeling (5).
 - Rocked to sleep? (7).
 - Two-faced German? (4).
 - Dishes of mixed type (4).
 - Feel sorry (4).
 - Cloth welder? (6).
 - Popular song (5).
 - One of five, usually (5).
 - Falls away (7).
 - Means of approach (8).
 - Lamb when older? (6).
 - Mongali (5).
 - He acts for you (5).
 - Stay where you are (4).
 - American's waistcoat (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Hospital, 7 Amigo, 8 Theatres, 10 Lessee, 13 Settled, 15 Ante, 17 Letters, 18 Ditties, 20 Were, 21 Debased, 22 Reside, 23 Ruminant, 24 Revue, 25 Slattery, Down: 1 Halls, 2 First, 3 Hotel, 4 Fear, 5 Throne, 6 Lashes, 9 Healed, 11 Eerie, 12 Stale, 14 Desert, 15 Atlas, 16 Tried, 18 Dwarf, 19 Tramp, 22 Beery, 23 Slave, 24 Defer, 25 Kneec.

Baudouin, Fabiola slip away

Brussels, Dec. 15.
King Baudouin of the Belgians and Queen Fabiola slipped away tonight from the Royal palace for their honeymoon after a glittering double wedding.

Before leaving for Madrid on the first lap of their honeymoon kept secret until the last minute, the 34-year-old King and his tall, willowy 32-year-old Spanish bride played hosts to 1,200 of the top wedding guests.

When the couple appeared on a Palace balcony to acknowledge applause, King Baudouin put his arms round his Queen's neck and kissed her lightly on the cheek to the huge delight of the crowd.

In a belated speech to the nation tonight, Queen Fabiola told the Belgians: "...henceforth my heart and my life belong not only to my husband but to you all as well."

King Baudouin said he and his Queen would be away "for several weeks"—Reuters.

'Mr K had diplomatic flu'

Bonn, Dec. 15.
The West German Social Democratic Party today quoted East German Communist sources as saying Mr Khrushchev's recent illness was faked so that he would not have to make a planned journey of "Soviet-Chinese friendship" through the Soviet Union with Chinese delegates.

The Social Democrats' press bulletin of East Germany said that according to East German Communist sources the illness followed veiled Chinese attacks at the recent Communist "summit" on the Soviet Union and direct attacks on Poland and Hungary, in which the three countries were accused of "revisionism"—Reuters.

Greater share by European nations

Paris, Dec. 15.
European members of Nato today approved American demands that they pay a greater share of the defence pact's military costs.

Gold-rich Germany promised to make the largest increase as several European nations agreed in principle to finance a larger share of the cost of Nato's programme.

Britain, Italy, the Netherlands and France were agreeable to slight increases of their shares—UPI.

17 SOLDIERS KILLED DURING PRACTICE

Frankfurt, Dec. 15.
A U.S. army court martial today convicted 2nd Lt. Mark Kempf of negligent homicide in the death of 17 infantrymen during artillery practice.

The 24-year-old officer from San Antonio, Texas, was sentenced to 12 months' suspension from rank and a reprimand. Lt. Col. S. C. Raub who is to be tried on the same charge was in command of the 30th artillery group's 3rd howitzer battalion when one of its weapons fired a shell into a bivouac area. The artillery piece had been loaded with seven bags of gunpowder instead of the usual five, sending the shell far beyond the firing range and into the bivouac.

Kempf was the safety officer on the range—UPI.

£130 million merger is recommended

London, Dec. 16.
J. and P. Coats, the world's largest sewing thread manufacturers, and Patons and Baldwins, knitting wool manufacturers, today jointly announced that agreement had been reached on terms to be recommended for a £130 million merger.

The two boards said they would "strongly recommend" the proposals for acceptance by either shareholders.

OVERSEAS

Patons and Baldwins have seven factories in Britain and one in Toronto, Canada. Their assets total about £34,750,000.

Coats have 45,000 employees—mostly overseas—and foreign interests and markets in the Commonwealth, Europe, United States and other countries. Their capital totals about £25,800,000—Reuters.

All quiet in Nepal

Kathmandu, Dec. 16.
Late tonight Mr B.P. Koirala, Nepalese Prime Minister arrested by the King and at least two of his Cabinet, the Home and Education Ministers, were still under guard, and other members of the Cabinet were also believed to have been held by King Mahendra's palace guards.

Troops were guarding the buildings and armed police were on the streets, but otherwise the state was outwardly calm and the bazaar was carrying on business as usual.

The King acted under constitutional powers which give him wide discretion, but it was still unknown tonight whether he intended to keep power or appoint a new cabinet—Reuters.

Washington, Dec. 16.
President-elect John F. Kennedy today named Labour lawyer Arthur J. Goldberg as his Secretary of Labour. Mr Kennedy also asked Minnesota Governor Orville Freeman to be his secretary of agriculture and Freeman accepted, a top aide said—UPI.

Duke escapes unhurt

Dunkirk, Dec. 15.
The Duke and Duchess of Windsor were unhurt early today when the sleeping car of their Paris-bound train was derailed as it was being transferred from the ferry here.

A switch which guided the car along the rails from the boat to the ground failed. Two cars were derailed. The Duke and Duchess finished their journey in another carriage—China Mail Special.

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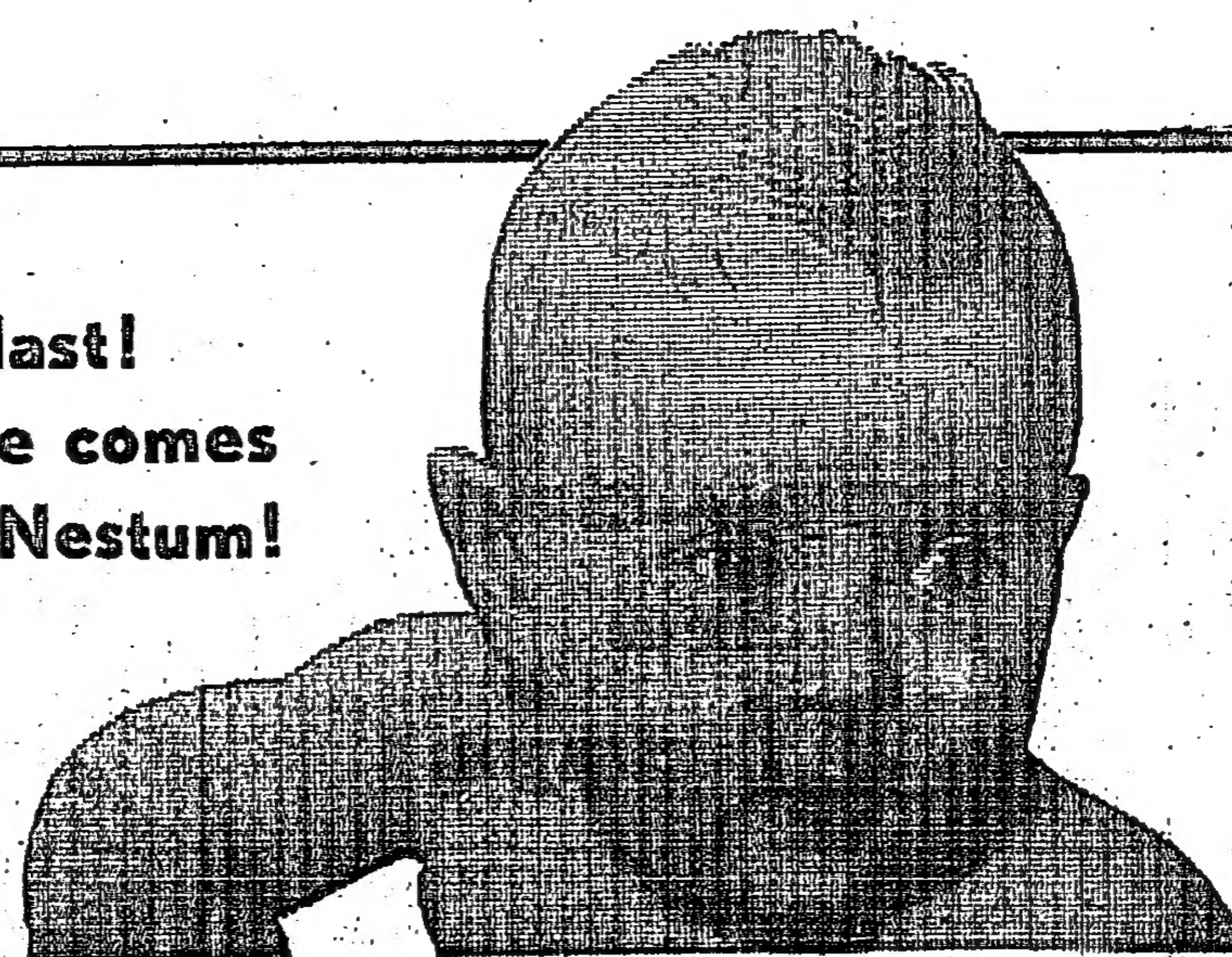
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Hong Kong, 16th December, 1960.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

NOTHING is more amusing than to read criticisms of the new kind of sculpture. The critics seem to have picked up, probably from the sculptors themselves, a jargon which is as unintelligible as the masterpieces they are describing.

It adds considerably to the fun when the criticism is accompanied by photographs of the masterpieces. But let us not be too unkind to the critics. With-out them how should we ever know the correct way to express our admiration for the works of art. We might even mistake one lump for another. "Horse Reclining Against A Rock," for "Woman Walking Sideways."

Bigger and better

SOL HOGWASCH is preparing his new film "Hannibal." Elephants, ridden by Carthaginians.

Wrong idea

A MAN who emerged from an inn, singing raucously, observed the new slogan: "Drive Safely On Milk." He stopped at a farm outside the village, and shouted to the farmer, "Fill her up!" As the farmer ignored him, he drove on, and was next seen trying to milk a bull into his tank. It was later explained to him by an A.A. patrolman that he had got the wrong idea.

In passing

A SNEERING reference in a German paper to the Irish troops in the Congo spoke of a country which "luckily never got to know war." "Quidnunc" commented: "The German writer should, perhaps, have added: 'Nor ever started a war.'"

(London Express Service).

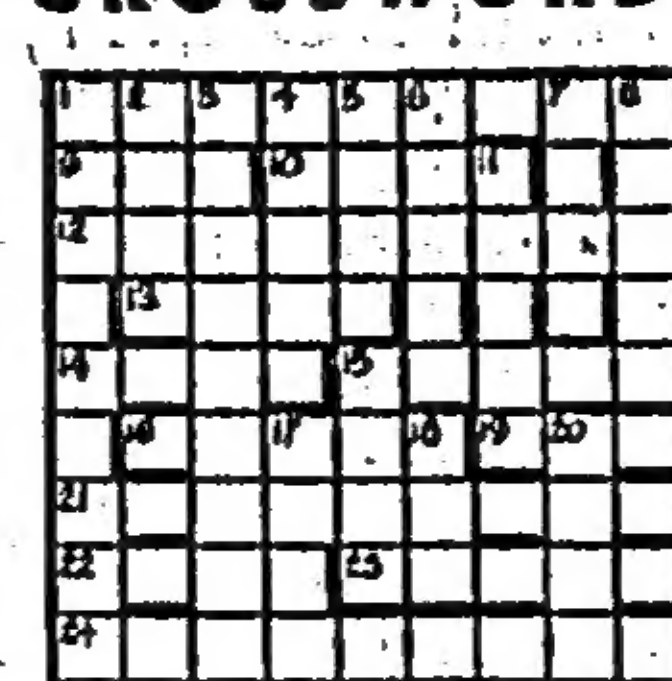
Defer not, for thine own sake

O my God, for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.—Daniel 9:19.

Those who bear the name of God should do so gladly. They must remember that how they act will bring credit or reproach to God. Likewise God's reputation before man depends upon how He reveals His character in His own people. God will help when people bear His name.

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CROSSWORD



1. Unknown people. (11)
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Peers at the sink

AFTER Lord Auckland's remark in the House of Lords that he does the washing up, I have been finding out how domesticated our aristocrats really are.

Said the Marquis of Bath from his stately home at Long-leat: "Certainly I do the washing up—once a week when the staff have their half-holiday. I feel it's the least I can do to help my wife."

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COMMERCIAL RADIO

1.15 pm. The News; 1.30. Lunch-time Headlines; 2. Composer Of The Day; 2.45. Interlude; 3. For The Ladies; 4. Cavalcade Of Strings; 4.30. Weather Report; 4.51. Children's Corner; 5. Francis Day and his band; 5.15. The Di Maria Stars; 5.30. Eddie Campy Cole Porter; 5.45. Marion Ryan Sing; 6. Hong-kong Stock Exchange Closing; 6.10. Popular Classics; 6.20. Battle Of The Bands; 7. The News; 7.15. Radio Time; 7.30. Ronald King; 7.45. His Orchestra; 7.55. The Hi-Fi Club Requests; 8. The News; 8.10. More Orchestras; 8.30. The News; 8.45. The News; 8.55. The News; 9.05. Radio Report; 9.30. Brie-A-Brie; 9.45. The News; 10.15. Wild Bill Davidson

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PARAMOUNT: Cocktail lounge featuring Larry Allen at Piano.

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TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the word "TARGET"? No plurals! No foreign words in the list! No proper names. TODAY'S TARGET has 17 words, good! 24 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

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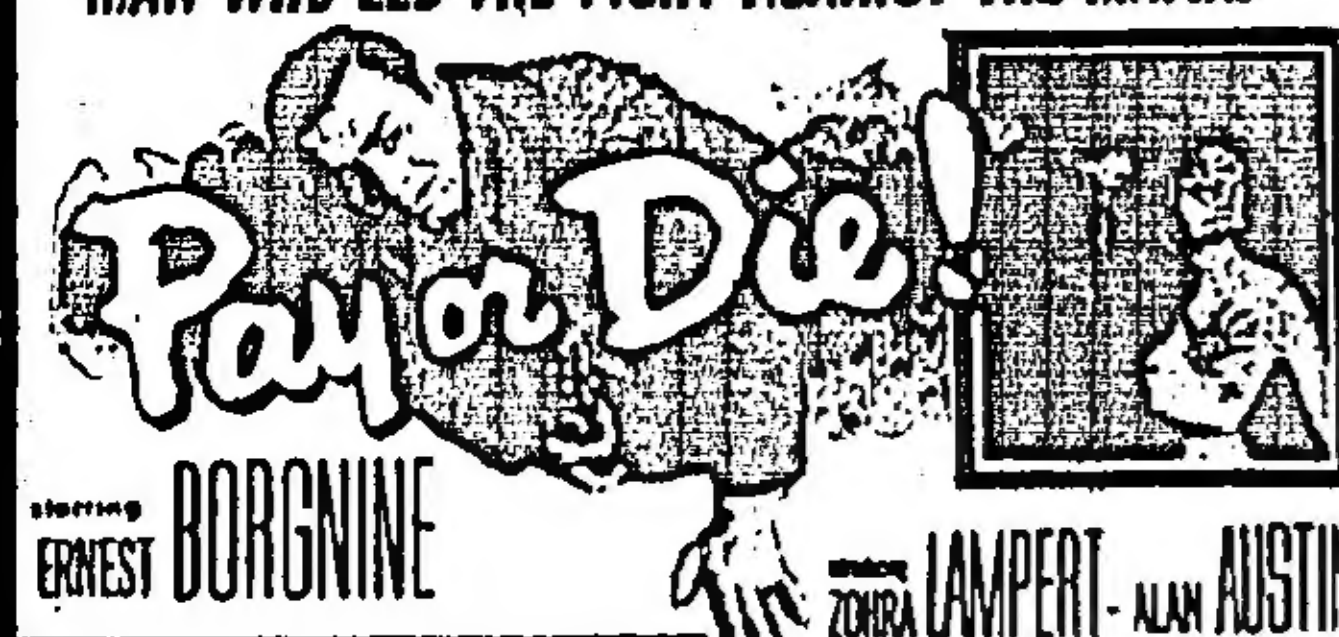
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EVENING OF
OPERATIC ARIAS

By D. E. GRAY

As far as I am able to determine, last night's concert of excerpts from Verdi's opera "Traviata" was the first of its kind in Hongkong, for the arias were performed with orchestral accompaniment. For this alone, if for no other reason, Miss Ramona Sun, who presented this concert, and conducted the orchestra, deserves full marks.

The operatic excerpts were sung by Edris Carvalho, soprano, Gaston D'Aquino, tenor, and Julio Gonzales Anguila, baritone. The string orchestra, or ensemble, was made up of Filipino musicians, with Miss Sun conducting from the piano.

The ensemble showed signs of under-rehearsal at times, and there was some raggedness—but on the whole, it was such an improvement over a lone piano that its presence more than compensated for its defects.

Edris Carvalho and Gaston D'Aquino were both effective, particularly in "Un Di Felice" and in the last aria "Parigi, O Cara," their voices blending very well.

Although Edris Carvalho tended to sing a bit sharp occasionally, and there was a certain amount of inflexibility in some passages, in general hers was a satisfactory and enjoyable performance.

Gaston D'Aquino, who has sung in Hongkong for many years, was in excellent voice. Although his middle register tended to be a little rough, he gave a fine account of himself in all his solos and duets.

A newcomer, I think to the Hongkong musical world, is Julio Gonzales Anguila, who as Giorgio Germont, sang the baritone arias. It was a novel experience to hear a good baritone (they are rare birds in Hongkong) with not a harsh note in it, although at times his vibrato seemed to get out of control. I particularly liked his "Di Provenza."

The last part of the programme, consisting of piano solos by Miss Sun's pupils, was out of place in a concert of this kind, and I am sure it would have been better to stick to operatic excerpts only, even though it means a shorter concert.

Now that someone has taken the plunge and actually produced a small orchestra to accompany operatic arias, it is too much to hope that in the future we might have more of this type of thing—or operatic arias, with only piano accompaniment are just not satisfactory, and last night's evening was the more enjoyable because of the support of the string ensemble.

News from
the Gazette

Mr Justice A. D. Scholes has been appointed judge in the Compulsory Service Tribunal.

Mr H. E. Turner ceased to be a member of the Traffic Advisory Committee on the return of Major H. F. G. Chauvin.

Dr Li Shu-fan has been appointed Honorary Game Warden.

The following have been appointed members of the Trade and Industry Advisory Board: the Director of Commerce and Industry (Chairman ex officio); Messrs G. M. Goldsack, C. O. W. Stewart, Dinu Ruttonjee, S. S. Gordon, Joseph Law, C. C. Lee, J. S. Lee, Haking Wong and U. Tat-chai.

Second Lieutenant M. C. Caswell of the Hongkong Regiment has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

The registration of the Hongkong Naval Dockyard "Kite-Sling" Union, of 87 Queen's-road, East, second floor, has been cancelled.

An amended schedule of services maintained by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Ltd has been published. The schedule shows minor alterations to the routes of various numbers of buses.

The Gazette also published an amendment of the Hongkong Imports and Exports Classification of Countries and Commodities Lists, with the inclusion of certain countries and commodities and deletion of others.

Actress dies

Paris, Dec. 15. French actress Vera Clouzot, wife of director Georges Henri Clouzot, died today, the actress had suffered from a weak heart. —AP.

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dear sir

Gambling

After nine years residing in Macao I thought I had seen, heard, or read all about the place, but since reading Jolo Gut's letter of Nov. 13 I'm astonished to know that the Fan Tan joints are for the detection of the fisherfolk to leave their hard-earned coins into the Fan Tan baskets.

And, as for the "knock" at the cannon bleaters, I'd much prefer an English sole, as English soles are soles, and not the skimpy soles this flop on the bench at Male in the inner harbour, for want of breath.

And in conclusion J. G. always remember that a drunk can reform but a gambler never! NUTTY.

James Bond

BY IAN FLEMING

DRAWINGS BY JOHN MCELROY

I TAUGHT THEM A LESSON IN CHAUFFEUR BRAKED SLEEPING AND—WHAM! THEY KEEP WELL BACK!

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Government
Appointments
gazetted

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings were notified in today's Government Gazette:

Mr D. J. Jennings resumed duty as District Judge; Mr T. Creedon to act as District Judge.

Mr K. A. Bidmead to act as Commissioner of Police during the absence of Mr H. W. R. Keble; Mr E. Tyrer to act as Deputy Commissioner of Police; Mr G. A. H. Wright-Neeth to be Assistant Commissioner of Police, Headquarters; Mrs M. E. Lovell to be Woman Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr R. W. H. Maynard to be Principal Executive Officer.

Mr H. Ross resumed duty as Assistant Chief Architect; Mr A. Fitch, Architect, ceased to be Assistant Chief Architect; Mr D. L. T. Munro resumed duty as Senior Estate Surveyor; Mr J. P. Potter, Estate Surveyor, ceased to be Senior Estate Surveyor; Mr F. Bainbridge to be Rating and Valuation Surveyor; Mr W. D. S. Cant to be Engineer; Mr C. H. Gimson to be Building Surveyor.

Mr E. W. Spang and Mr R. A. Willis to act as Senior Hospital Secretaries.

Mr Lai Kee-leung to act as Assistant Superintendent, Urban Services Department, during the absence of Mr Lau Ip-yuen.

Mr J. A. C. Hurbutt to act as Deputy Accountant General during the absence of Mr H. Wardle; Mr T. H. Walker to act as Treasury Accountant.

Mr Hsu Kwok-sang and Mr Lo Yin-pul to be Food Officers.

Dr E. G. N. Greaves, Dr A. J. Nutton, Mr R. Edgley and Mr A. W. McGill to be Analysts.

Princess
engaged
to
German
Prince

Stockholm, Dec. 15. Princess Birgitta has, with the permission of the King, become engaged to marry Prince Johann Georg of Hohenzollern, a court communique announced today.

The 23-year-old blonde Princess is a grand daughter of King Gustav VI Adolf. She is the second daughter of Princess Sibylla and the late Prince Royal Gustaf Adolf.

The tall, handsome, 28-year-old German Prince, a student of Geography preparing to take his doctor's degree shortly, arrived here this afternoon by plane.

Prince Johann Georg, handsome son of a house that dates its ancestors back 600 years, has been one of Germany's most eligible royal bachelors. A tall, blond and handsome student of Munich University, he met Princess Birgitta last winter when she came to Germany to brush up her German.

FENCING EXPERT

The Princess, a teacher of gymnastics, last Sunday won a Swedish national championship in fencing, upholding a royal tradition. Her late father took the individual sabre title three separate times.

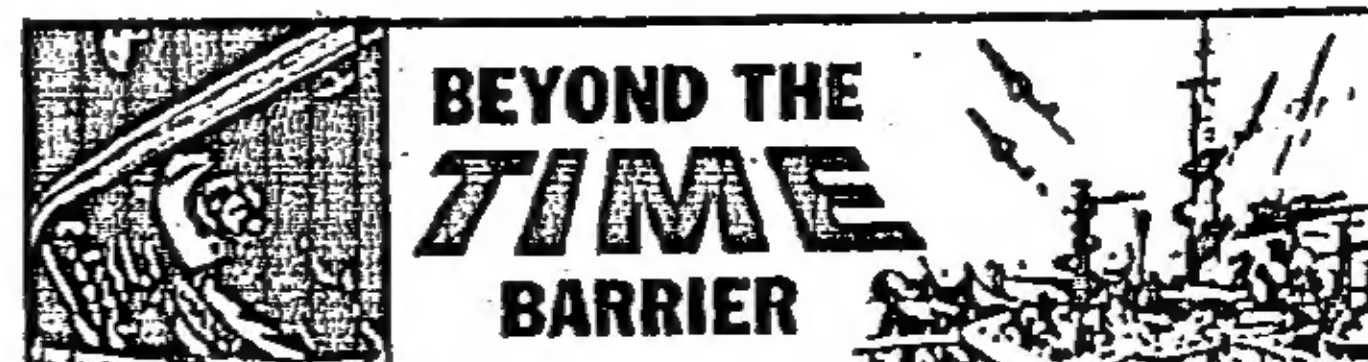
Last month Princess Birgitta visited the United States on a goodwill tour together with her sister Princess Desirée, 22.

The communique mentioned no date for the wedding.—AP.

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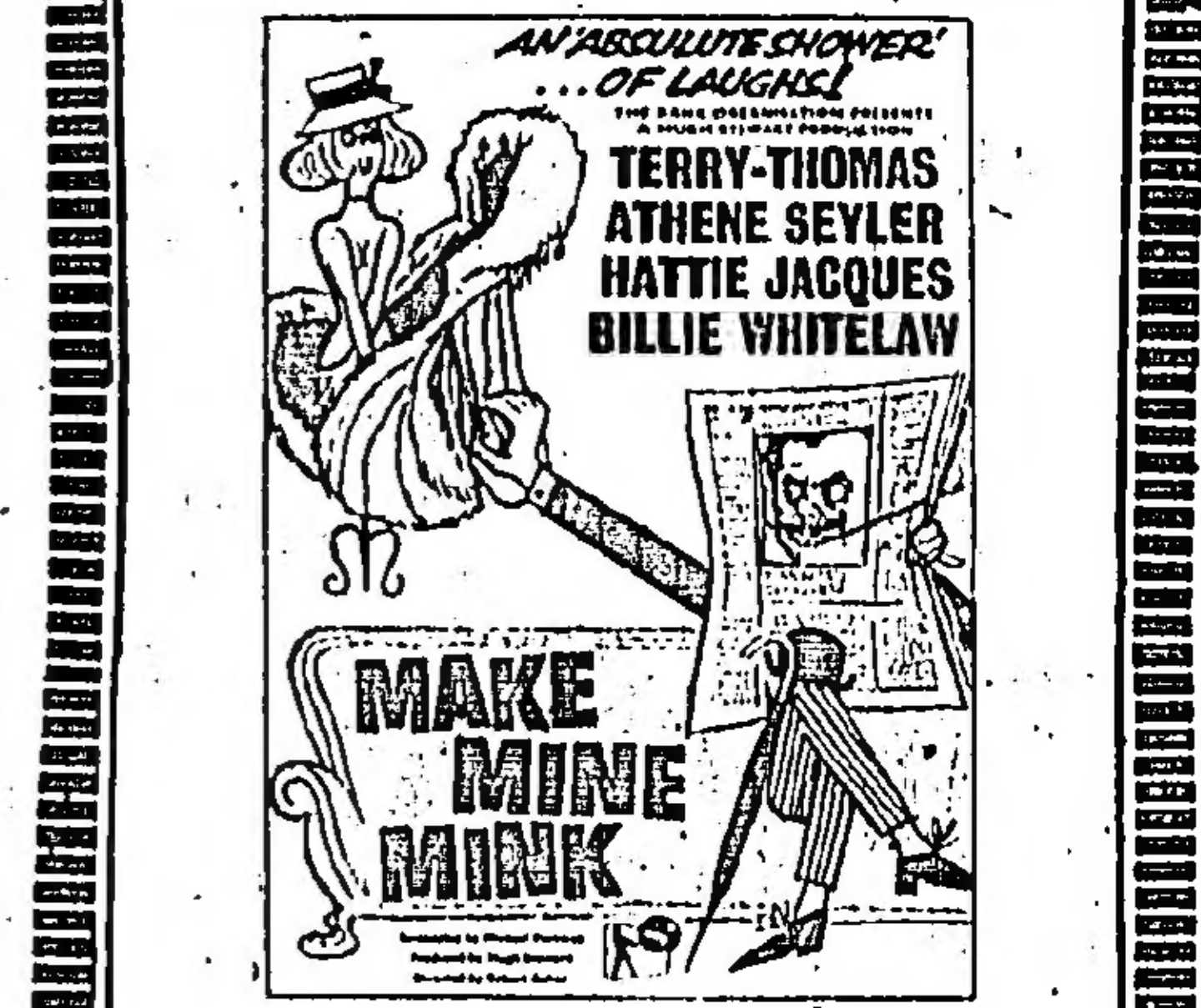
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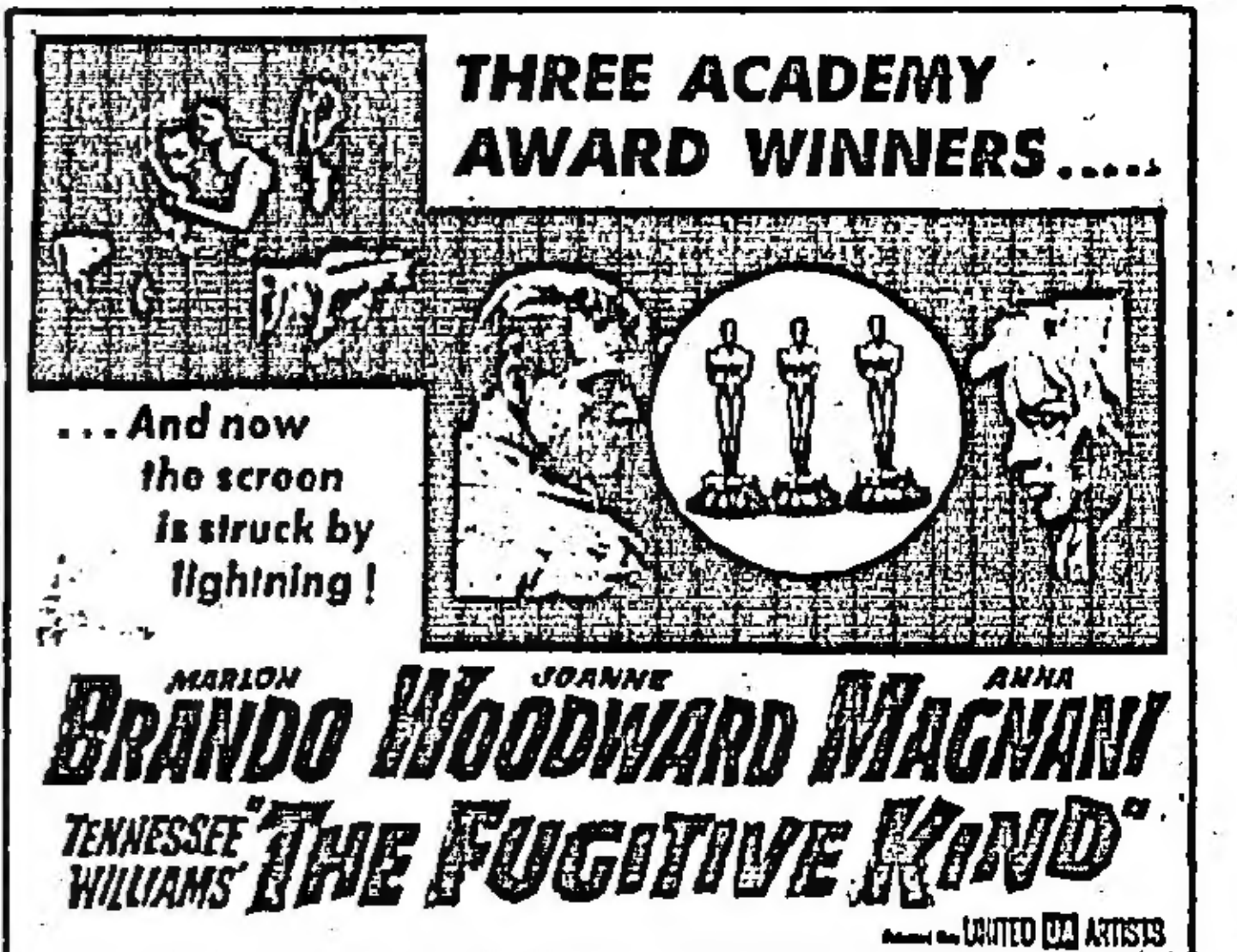
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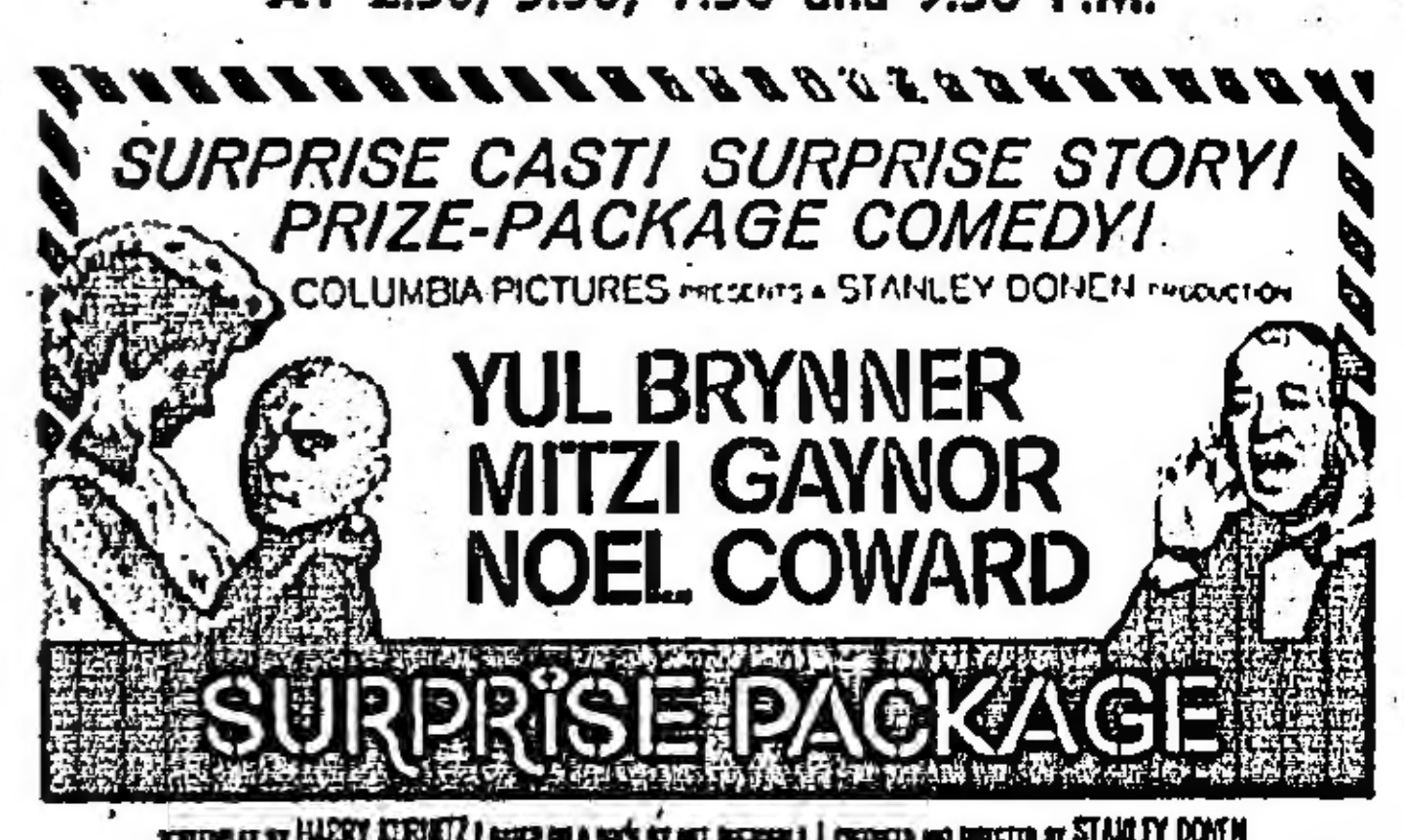
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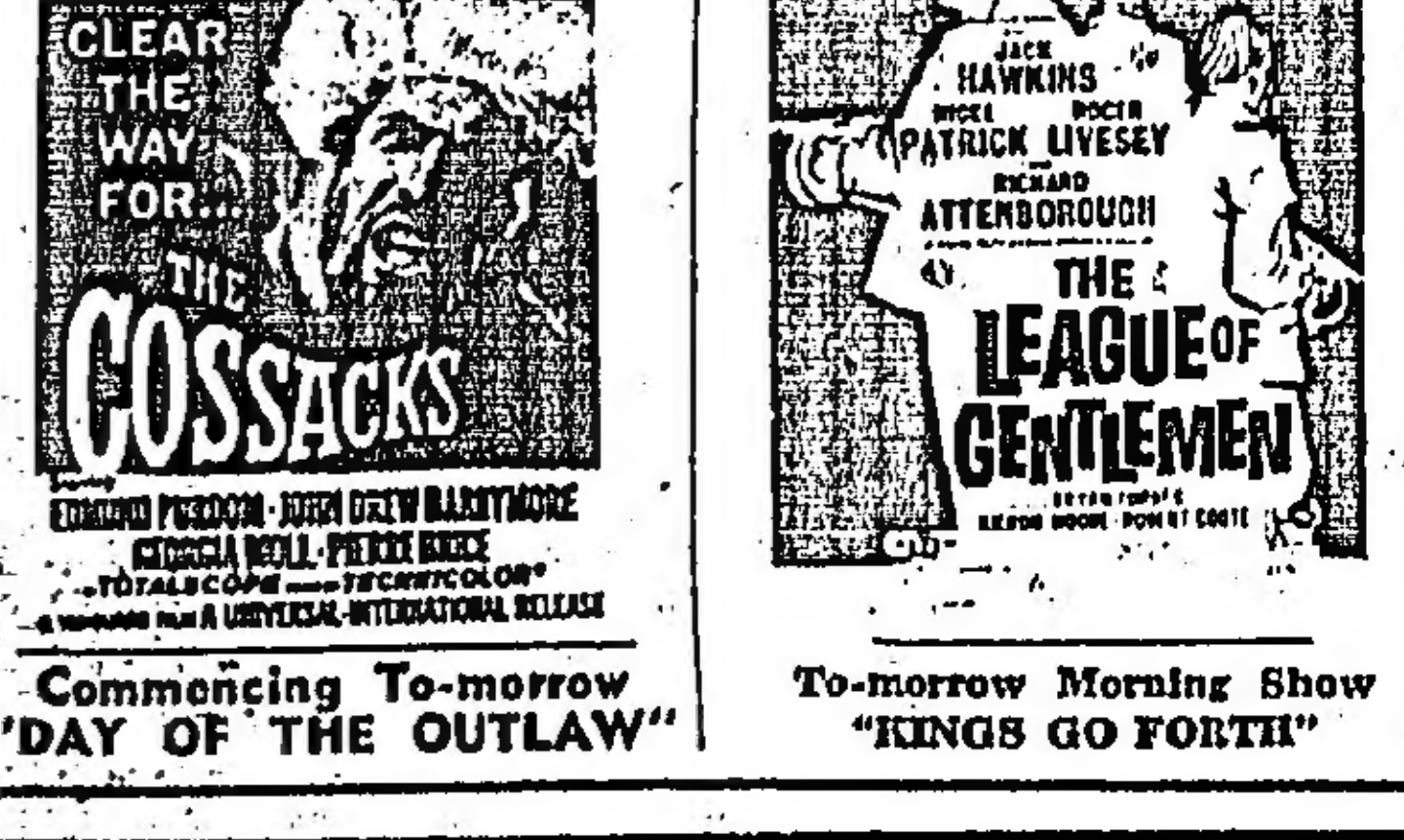
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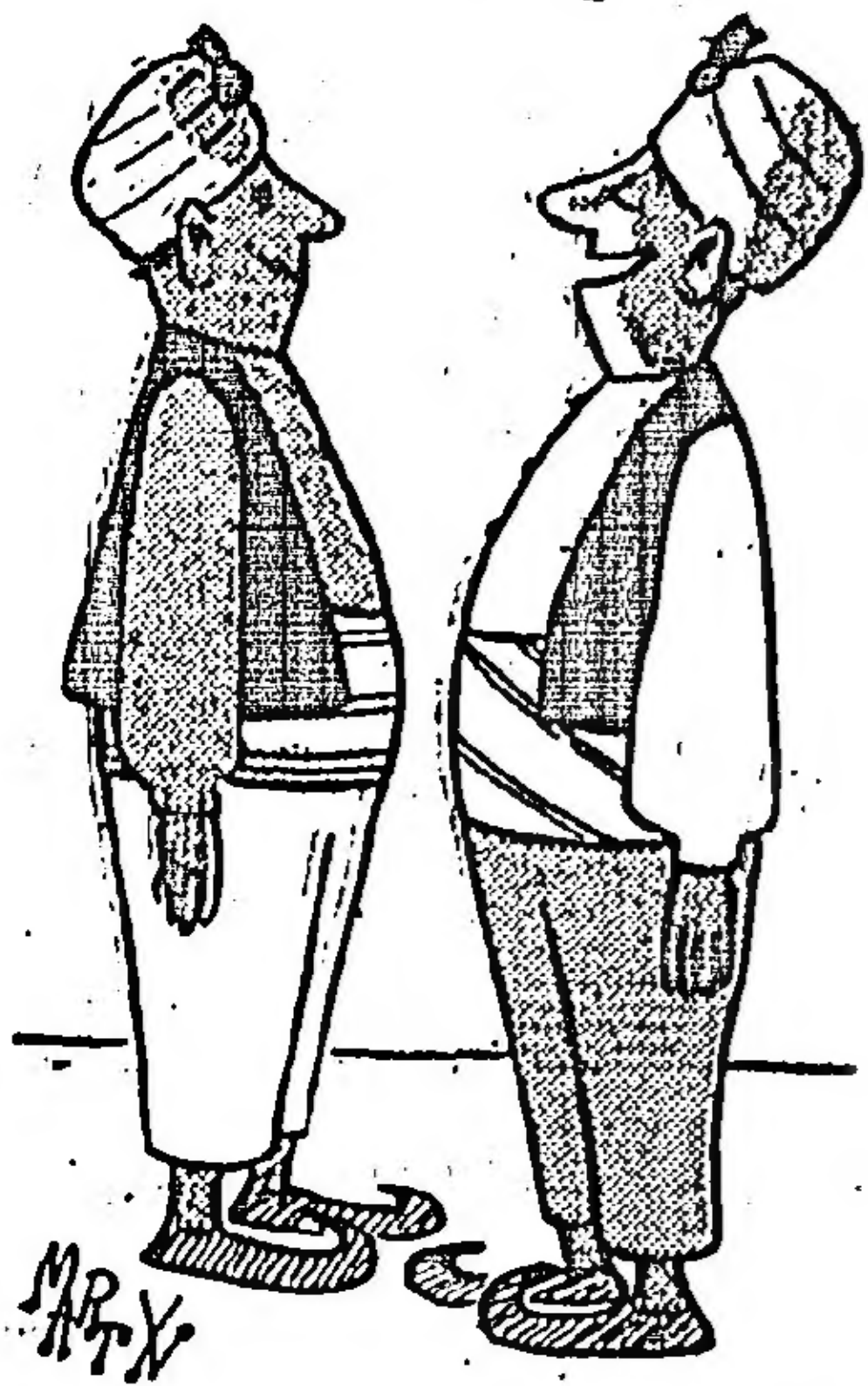
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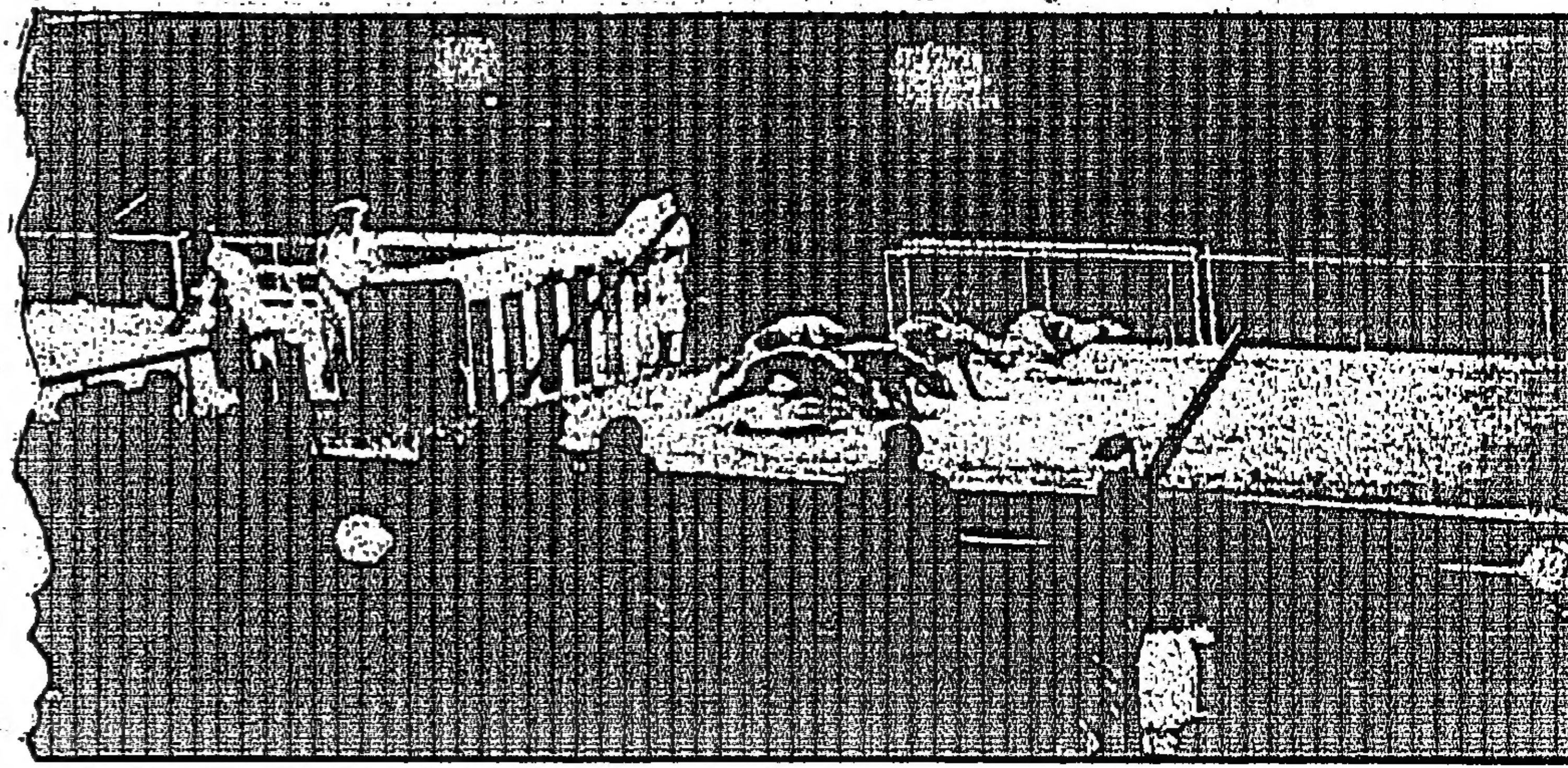
"I've got a busy week ahead of me; I'm getting married on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday!"



A NIGHT WITH AN ADDICT

The one man

in a thousand compelled to gamble . . . by SALLY VINCENT



PICTURE BY EXPRESS CAMERAMAN ALBERT MCCABE

WHEN it's not quite night time and the streets are in a state of limbo under the mauve skies of middle evening, solitary men, close inside their raincoats and trilbies, single-trickle through the turnstiles into a private world for stubborn dreamers, an optimistic paradise, a greyhound stadium.

Noisefully they move into the sprawling intricacies of the stadium compartments, which stretch outwards from the deep, thick green of the centre field.

They pause a moment, then travel, like busy grey mice, along the echo chambers of stone corridors behind the vast swoop of grandstands, exploring the secret network of exits and entrances.

Thin white lights wake up; blink tentatively; stretch; expand; absorb the darkness of the track.

The tote-board, a huge fairground pin table, twinkles high up, brighter and more lucid than the stars. And the dreamers lay their deep plots, with programmes and racing editions and scrupulous calculations.

These men are hardly gamblers. The bookies call them "mug punters." They just like a flutter, or they think they're lucky chaps; or they simply like watching dogs running.

Probably only one in a thousand is a real gambler—a deep-set, undeviating, compulsive gambler.

An addict—a man who gambles as an alcoholic drinks, who needs to bet as a diabetic needs to take insulin.

Whatever he gambles with—shillings or pounds, or thousands of pounds—he gambles for one reason only. Because he is compelled to.

Furtive

Solid, impassive, engrossed, on the edge of a group—decidedly not a part of it—is a small man, comfortably dressed, square faced, totally undisturbed. In his hands he holds several crumpled papers and a notebook.

This is George Miller, 53 years old, married, no children, building foreman, beer drinker,

cigarette smoker—five-nights-a-week compulsive gambler.

He is not a rich man. And, though he always vaguely expects to be, winning a lot of money is not really what is most important.

The money he plays with is simply an entrance fee to his dream world. The need to win would never be so strong that he would put his very last pound on a race. He would keep that for always tomorrow when there are different stars and he can gamble again.

There is a fanfare, and on the track men with white coats, bowler hats and dignity, parade the crouch-backed greyhounds under the white lights.

Up on their little boxes, the bookies go about their frenetic business like a line of penny-in-the-slot men.

This is where George Miller schemes and waits, hoping the bookies' boards won't catch up with his calculations.

He intercepts the mysteries of the tic-tac man's silent language. Five "bookies" away, the price of his dog has dropped.

His papers disappear into a pocket. One nickel-hand passes fluidly inside his coat and discovers a brown wallet.

Dreamer

George Miller, moving fast, is about to lay his first bet.

From eight pound notes, he selects two. Swiftly, almost furtively, oblivious of the punters, he approaches a bookie. "Quiet, quiet," he says, secretive, confiding, unassertive, for the bookie alone to hear.

He takes the thrust ticket: "Eight pound two Glen Queen," and backs away to the stand.

The punters are over now and the greyhounds are pressed and bundled into their boxes, where they lurk, complaining.

The fake hare is released. An uncanny, worthless lure, it streaks precisely round the track, master the boxes of whimpers—and six greyhounds leap.

For the 30 seconds it takes six greyhounds to race beautifully over 523 yards there is a controlled, sleek excitement.

"It's the six dog. The six dog'll do it. Come on the two dog. Go on then, two, go on. It's six. It's the four dog. It's four. It's the black. It's four.

Glen Queen has won. George Miller strolls slowly to his bookmaker, his doctor, his partner, confessor and bitter enemy. The bookie flashes counts out 10 one-pound notes.

George Miller goes for a gin. And for a talk with me.

"Yes, I like the dogs," he says. "I go five nights a week. I've been going five nights a week for the last thirty years, bar the wartime."

"I bet on horses, too, and cards. Boxing matches, sometimes. Mostly the dogs, though. It's quick. You know. Soon over. You know where you are and no messing about."

"The pools? Yes, I do the pools," he says deprecatingly. Then he smiles at his own foolish naivety. "Of course, the pools are just a formality, like having a television set."

Even dreamer Miller draws the line at dreaming about million-to-one chances.

"Gambling's nearly always a mug's game, naturally," he says. "Anything is if it gets hold of you. I mean, take anything—horses, dogs, cards, women, drink. Well, you'll end up blind, won't you? Unless you're lucky."

"It's different if you're lucky. And it's different again if you're clever and lucky. If you're a mug, you'll end up blind."

And, to prove that he is both a mug and a dreamer, he strolls back to the bookmaker for the next race.

To say he "studies" form is an exaggeration. A dog's printed pedigree, time last time out, habit's at the bends—all reduced in the programme to a staccato code—rather bore him really.

"Stands to reason. If you could work it out you wouldn't be here, would you? You'd be in 'Easy-street, wouldn't you?' he says.

"I don't mean I take the number on my bus ticket, or my mother's birthday, and back that," he says.

"Plenty of people do, but they're asking for trouble. Gambling's not just form and it's not just stupid pin-stitching. It's... Well, it's just something you have to find out for yourself."

A loser

"See that fellow over there? He knows what it's about. Been gambling since he was a boy, like me."

"He's lost everything. He's lost his money; he's lost his job; and he's lost his wife. She left him, I mean."

"He's a loser, by your standards. And he knows it. But as long as he can take up four bob for a tote ticket he's counting his blessings."

There is another fanfare and George Miller goes back to the track.

The bowler hat men are out again with the lean dogs in their bright coats; the silent, flashing tote-board begins to add things up; the deaf and dumb tic-tac people flutter their ritual messages.

George Miller chooses "the two dog."

"I think it will oblige. It's a nice dog, that. Done me a turn before. Still, so has that six dog... Oh, I don't know. I've got to back something."

He does. The odds against "the two dog" are 6-2, and George Miller puts half his winnings on it. Four pounds to win ten.

The hare swoops past, there is a sharp thud as the traps are sprung, and the dogs are a bright swift blur, scattering small kicks of dirt, round the first two bends and along the back straight.

They bunch into the third bend and then begin to separate. George Miller stands for a moment on the edge of the track, then relaxes and takes out his ticket.

"It's two," he says laconically, boasting, hoping, crowding his luck just a little because he has me for an audience.

Six or seven seconds later, number two wins.

The lucky punters congratulate themselves and each other.

But George Miller, who has known what it is to win lose ten thousand times before, always has to keep the pleasure or pain intact inside himself. One careless demonstration of the single world he's living in and the whole lot might disappear.

No show

So there is nothing to show that George Miller has won—except his dispassionate business, quickly done, with his bookmaker.

Now he is £18 up. He doesn't bet again until the fifth race, when he prepares for a coup.

He looks at his notebook, briefly, then takes all his money—£20—out of his wallet.

It's to be the five dog. The price is 100-30.

"I fancy it. I think I'll do," is all he will say.

Twenty-six pounds seems a lot of money for a man in a stained raincoat to give to a bookmaker. It goes easily enough though.

and George Miller is satisfied. Glimmering in the soft rain, there is a modest, apologetic, rather marvellous optimism.

The five dog breaks well and, from his outside position, slants at once for the first bend. He leads there and is still clear along the back straight. The next curve seems to come as a slight surprise; the dog falters—six and one edge inside him, hold their ground.

George Miller's fancy is beaten a length and half a length.

Litter

Quietly and formally, he drops his ticket into the litter round his feet.

He doesn't shrug, he doesn't frown. Losing is no different from winning; if a man has got to gamble, he knows he has got to enjoy both and share neither.

The only reference George Miller makes to that catastrophic race is—

"Pay day tomorrow."

It is also Harringay tomorrow. Away from the stadium, out in the antilux darkness, the rain stops. George Miller, though content with his evening, is suddenly tired and he huddles a little as he walks to his bus stop.

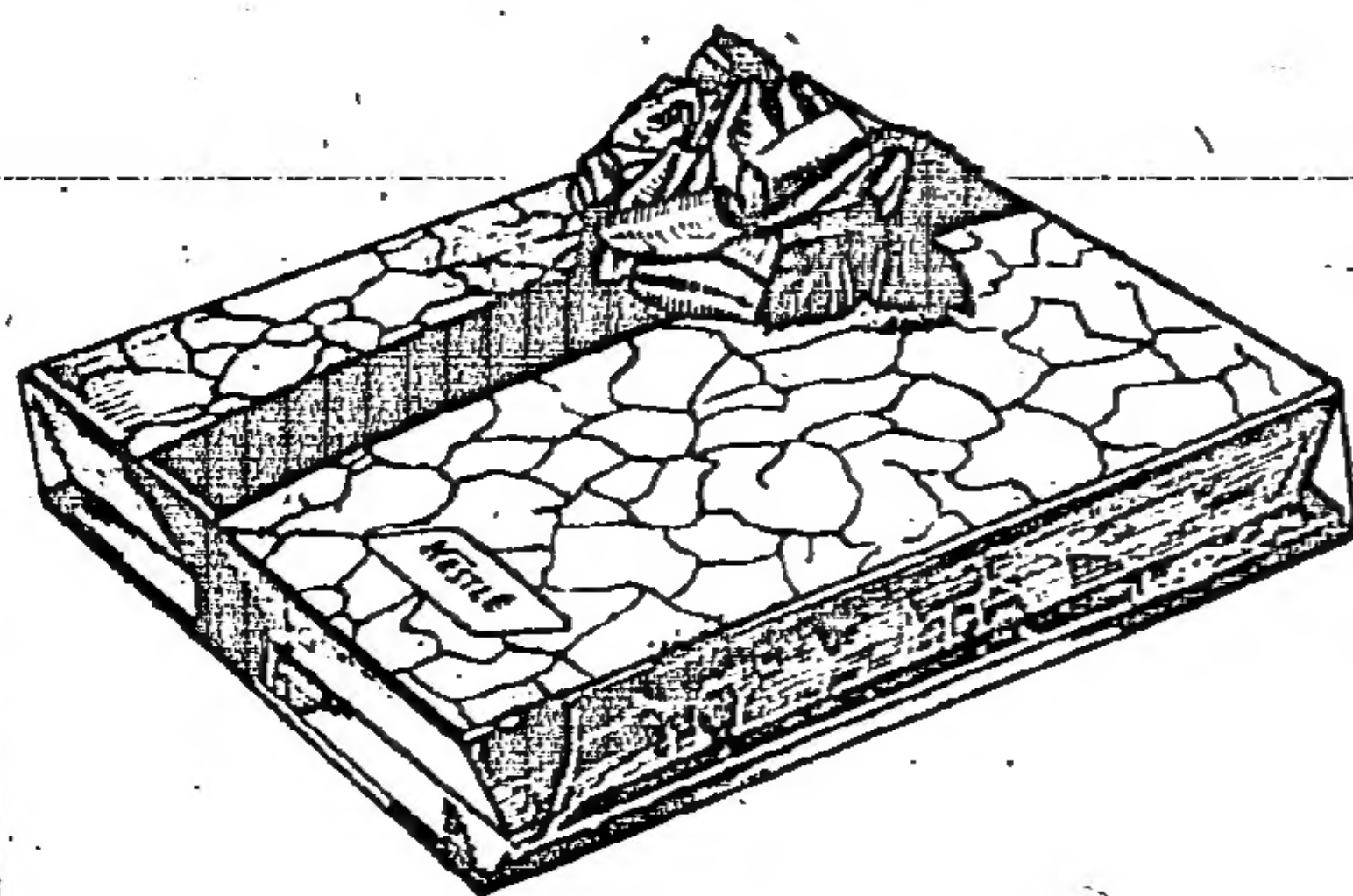
"Oh, yes, it's a kink; gambling's a funny business all right. Sometimes I think I'll break in half," he says.

Just for once, just for a change, he would like to talk about himself.

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IT'S THE TWIN OF BRITAIN'S TRIDENT AIRLINER

By PETER WOON

AMERICA'S Boeing aircraft company announced the other night that it had brought off £125 million deal for 80 "copy-cat" jetliners.

The planes—Boeing 727—are almost the identical twins of the 121 Tridents which Boeing's rivals, de Havilland, are producing for British European Airways.

The 727, still on the drawing board, is being sold to United and Eastern Airlines, both American companies.

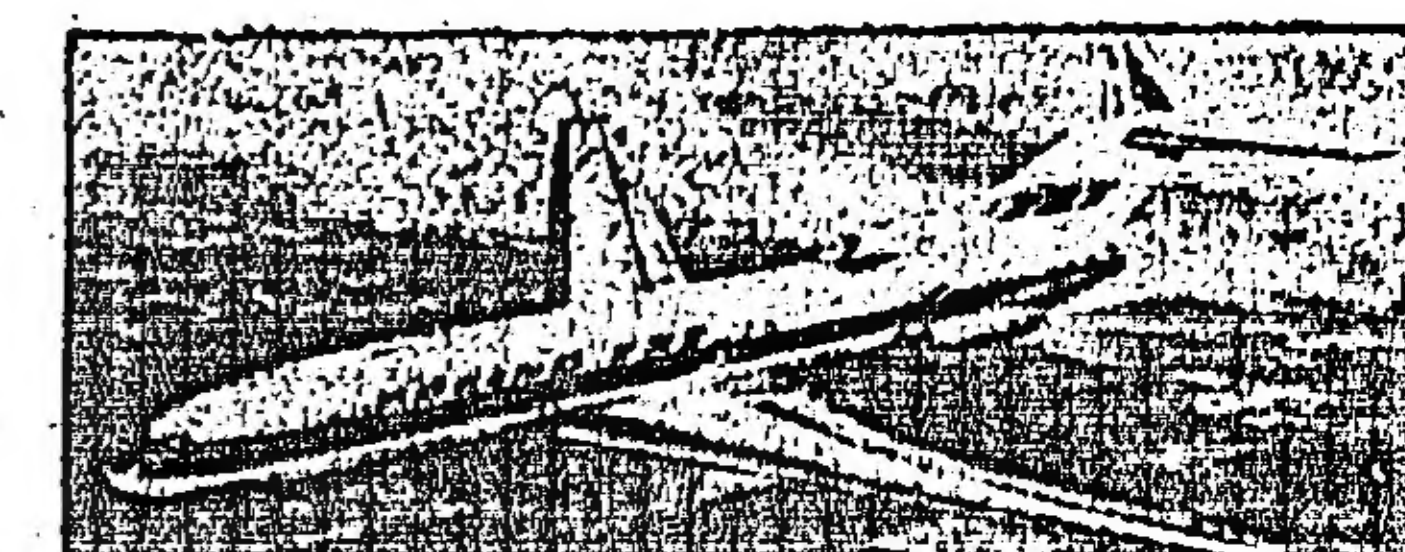
Bigger

It is significant that the American "twin" has the same number of jets as the Trident (three) arranged in the same way in the same place—the tail.

Before de Havillands settled on their revolutionary lay-out, Boeings were first in favour of wing-mounted power plants hung like those on their big 707, and then, when they switched to the tail, played around initially with designs for two or four engines.



DE HAVILLAND 121-TRIDENT AND



"THE BOEING 727—ITS 'TWIN'"

But now the jetliner they are to build is the Trident's double—though a little bigger.

In fuselage length there is only 5in. difference between the two rivals; and fuselage diameter just 2½in. Boeing will carry 14 more passengers than the 600-mile-an-hour Trident's 100.

Battle

Sparked off by the American announcement is a tremendous sales battle. Joining it is the French Caravelle, and expected into the ring soon is another, though slightly larger, British contender, the Vickers VC-11.

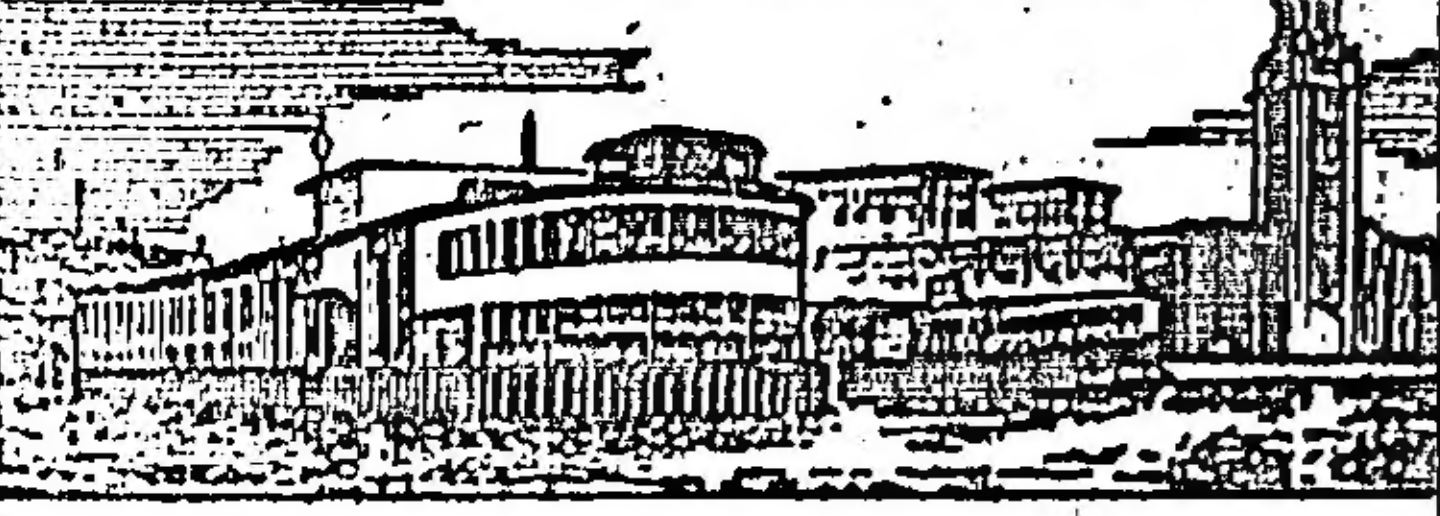
de Havilland advantage is that its first Tridents are well ahead in manufacture and are due to start flying next autumn. Deliveries can start in late 1963. Boeing has set the same target date.

Total world sales of these jets could reach up to 1,000 planes. So millions are there to be won—and lost.

● Britain's new vertical take-off fighter, the single-engine Hawker P 1127, has a powerful American rival.

● Bell Aircraft has produced a full-scale model of an eight-engine "VCO" fighter-bomber at a cost of £2,000,000, most of it paid for by the U.S. Government.

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Easter bonnets more becoming



EASTER bonnets, as shown in the spring collection of Christian Dior hats in London are more wearable and more becoming than for many a season.

The hard hats that crush your coiffure to pieces are just not in the picture any more.

The four main new styles are: the cannotier (French for bonnet) in feather-light paper-straw; the butterfly, hugo, winged and in rough straw; shopily top-of-the-head hats with a squarish look and lastly a revival of the flower-petal hat in gauzy fabrics.

Picture shows (left) the Boater, in blue straw, with an emerald-green band and black veiling tucked into the brim. (Right) The Butterfly, with hugo wings sweeping out on each side of a low crown, in rough turquoise straw.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Free Singing Lessons

—The Canary Teaches Everyone In The Playroom—

By MAX TRELL

THE CANARY had climbed on his perch and was singing at the top of his trilling, warbling voice:

"My name is Ping."

"I love to sing."

"Come sing with me."

"Lessons are free."

Knarf and Hamid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, were sitting in the corner on the far side of the room, looking at the pictures in a book. They glanced at each other in surprise.

"Did you hear what I heard?"

Hamid asked her brother.

"You mean about the lessons?"

asked Knarf.

Everyone heard it

Everyone else in the room

seemed to have heard the extra-

ordinary words in Ping's song.

Knarf and Hamid saw Mr

Punch jumping to his feet and

shouting excitedly to General

Tin, the Tin Soldier:

"By Jove, I've always wanted

to take singing lessons from a

Canary."

"So did I!" exclaimed General

Tin, as he hurriedly threw down his musket and ran toward the Canary's cage.

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and

Hawatha, the Small-Sized

Wooden Indian, and Mary-Jane,

the Rag Doll, all crept out from

under the couch where they

were sleeping. They danced

around and shouted:

"He wants to give us lessons

for free!"

They all rushed toward the

Canary's cage.

Ping's surprised

Even Whua, the Hobby Horse,

who had never sung a note in

his life, started rocking back

and forth with all his might as

he tried to get to the Canary's

cage.

No one was more surprised

than Ping when he looked

through the bars of his cage

and saw the whole crowd gathered

around.

"Why, hello," he said. "What

do you all want?"

"Why, Pingie dear," explained

Hamid, "it was the words of the

song you just sang."

"Words?" asked Ping. "Did

I sing words?"



Ping, the Canary, opened the cage door and stepped out.

"You certainly did, my

friend," said General Tin. "You

said you'd give us singing les-

sons for free and we're all here

to take them!"

"I want singing lessons!"

shouted Teddy, the Stuffed

Bear, and everybody else in the

room.

Ping now explained cheerfully

that he had made up the words

to the song just that second,

without really thinking what

they meant.

"But, of course," he added,

"I said that I'd give you all

singing lessons, I'll do it."

Hearing Ping say this made

everyone in the room as cheer-

ful as Ping himself.

"All right," said Ping, "let's

have our first lesson."

He opened the door to his

cage. "Come on in," he said.

Everyone was stunned.

"How can we come inside

your cage?" asked Knarf.

"If you want to sing like a

Canary," said Ping, "you've got

to act like one. You'd all better

stop arguing and get inside this

cage as quick as you can. I'll

stand on the top perch and you

all stand on the long bottom

perch."

It took a lot of talking before

Ping, the Canary, could be con-

vinced that none of his friends,

who wanted to sing as well as

he did, could possibly squeeze

themselves inside his tiny, glid-

ed cage.

"I have a better idea," said

Mr Punch. "Instead of your go-

ing inside your cage, you just

come out into the room. Then

we'll all be comfortable."

Wonderful lesson

Ping agreed. They made a

perch for him out of a pencil

and stood it on two books.

Everyone else in the room stood

on a long curtain rod which was

laid across two stools from one

side of the room to the other.

Ping gave them a wonderful

lesson.

"We don't exactly sing like

Ping," Hamid said when the les-

son was over.

"You will," said Ping. "Just

be patient."

And he flew back into his

cage, as cheerful as ever.

FRIED oysters—that's the way to impress

By HELEN BURKE

IS it a crime to cook oysters? Some say it is. Some will only eat them from the shell, flavoured with lemon juice; chilli-flavoured vinegar or—more pungent—Tabasco sauce. (I prefer the lemon.)

But you can cook oysters. For Oysters Poquette, cook a rounded teaspoon of flour in two walnuts of butter, without colouring it. Away from the heat and when slightly cooled, whisk in pint milk with its cream. Let this sauce simmer while the oysters poach in their own liquor, just long enough for the edges to curl. Then lift them into a heated serving-dish.

Add a teaspoon of lemon juice to the oyster stock, then quickly boil it until reduced a little. Stir it into the sauce. Have ready two egg yolks beaten with two to three tablespoons double cream. Stir these into the sauce and reheat without boiling. Pour this over the oysters and serve with pilaf of rice.

A little paprika worked into the flour and butter gives the sauce a warmish pink tone and adds to its flavour. The addition of a little sherry to the cream sauce, omitting the lemon juice, brings it near enough to Sauce Newburg. To give Oysters Poquette a little more bulk, add two ounces sliced, unpeeled, very thin white mushrooms, first cooked in a little butter and lemon juice.

Savaria's Fried Oysters, with brown bread and butter are a wonderful introduction to any meal. They can be relied upon to impress even your closest friends.

First, make this batter: Sift together into a basin two oz. self-raising flour (or plain flour and a pinch of baking-powder), a pinch of salt and a tiny pinch of Cayenne pepper. Add an egg, beaten with about ½ pint milk. In another basin, mix two to three tablespoons of fine bread-crumbs and the chopped contents of the smallest can of flaked crab meat.

Macanille, drain and dry a dozen good-sized oysters. Dip

them in the batter and then the crab-crump mixture. Fry them on each side to a golden brown in enough hot butter and olive oil (half and half) to make about ½ inch in depth. With these, serve sauce Tartare or quartered lemons.

Large steamed mussels can also be served in the same way.

The Duchy of Cornwall Oyster Farm has issued these useful notes for prospective oyster enthusiasts:

"Oysters must be alive at the time of opening. They should be eaten or cooked immediately after they are opened."

"Oysters can be considered to be alive when the shells are tightly closed or, if the shells are slightly open, they close and stay closed when lightly tapped. On opening a live oyster, the flesh should look moist and fresh. If the flesh has a dried and wrinkled appearance, the oyster should be discarded."

JACOBY on BRIDGE

SINCE it was Halloween night, West could not help but double with the words, "Double, double, toil and trouble."

North's redouble was made without benefit of any speech at all.

West opened the seven of diamonds and after looking over dummy carefully, South remarked:

"I trust West's double is as good as he thinks it is because if he has all five trumps, I expect to bring this one home."

South took his ace of diamonds and played three rounds of spades. Then he went after the club suit and when East discarded on the queen of clubs South knew that he

had been right in marking West with all five trumps. Now it became a simple matter of mopping up.

He led a fourth club from dummy and ruffed it low. Then he led a diamond. West chose to ruff with the jack but all plays were hopeless. South over ruffed with dummy's king; ruffed the last club with his ace of hearts and led a heart.

West made only one trick but East got in the last word. He said:

"Well, South had the toll but West and I will have the trouble."

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass

3 N.T. Pass 4 N.T. Pass

5 Pass 5 N.T. Pass

6 Pass ?

You, South, hold:

AK 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 J K Q 7 2

What do you do now?

A—Did six no-trump. This will be just as easy as six diamonds; counts more; is safe against a ruff; and allows your partner to go seven if he wishes.

TODAY'S QUESTION

What is your opening bid hold-

ing: AK 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A 10 4

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH		20
AK 10	5 3 2	
K 9 8	7 6	
Q	AK Q 6 2	
WEST		EAST (D)
AK 8 4	AK 3 2	
Q J 6 3 2	None	
7	AK Q 10 8 5 4	
AK J 10 8	4 3	
SOUTH		
AK Q 6		
A 10 7 4		
A J 3 2		
7 5		
East and West vulnerable		
East	South	West
3	Double	Pass
Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Redble
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—7		

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Before approaching a superior with a special problem, make another serious attempt to solve it yourself.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If somebody is ready to finance your desire to improve yourself, you can best show your gratitude by taking full advantage of that unique opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Only by taking an associate into your full confidence will you be able to enlist his whole-hearted co-operation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A secret you have kept from your partner cannot be withheld much longer, and it would be better for you to make a clean breast of it now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A much younger and less experienced person should be made to understand that his ideas may be original but hardly conducive to future success.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A friend who is recuperating after a long illness would be grateful for your more frequent visits.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Curb your tendency to fritter away your cash, when you know that a lump sum will soon be needed for a special purpose.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): A family disagreement may soon reach a critical point, and it will be up to you as arbiter to bring about a workable solution.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): You will only

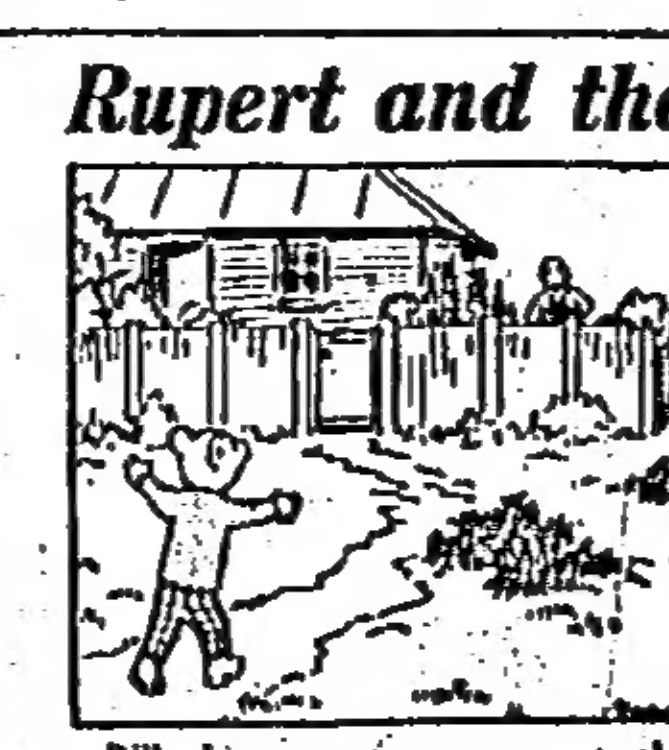
hurt yourself if you give in to romantic infatuation for a person who is not free to reciprocate your feelings.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): If progress in your career seems slow, don't get discouraged but continue to do your level best.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Avoid becoming too set in your ways, and don't miss any opportunities to get some fun out of life.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): On being asked for your opinion, resist the temptation to show off and try in all sincerity to give your best advice.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If this is your birthday, you ought never to lose sight of the great help you have received from your family to make a good life for yourself.



Bill does not turn up at the expected time and Rupert becomes so impatient that he asks Mrs. Bear if he may go alone to see his friend Sailor Sam. When Bill comes, please tell him that I'm ahead of him. He says as he acts off. Sailor Sam is in the garden of his shack when he arrives. "Well, AKA RIGHT! RIGHT!

Rupert and the Purple Star—17

Little bear, did you have a good day at the sea?" smiles the Sailor. "Did you bring me a present?" "Not quite," laughs Rupert. "But you'd be surprised at what we nearly brought!" And he tells his friend of all that happened when the purple starfish was put in the car.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

5TH RACE MEETING

Saturday, 17th December, 1960.

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 8 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$25.00 each are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street, King's Road, North Point and 362 Nathan Road, Admiralty. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Timings will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

Members, Ladies, wearing Ladies Brooches, and their Guests must enter the Members Enclosure by the entrance to the Members Stand.

Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the new Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANTS.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 362 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 16th December, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th March, 1961, at \$2.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race of this meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office of the Club.

The office hours of the Cash Sweep Office of the Club are as follows:

Prince's Building, Ground Floor (facing Statue Square) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong:—

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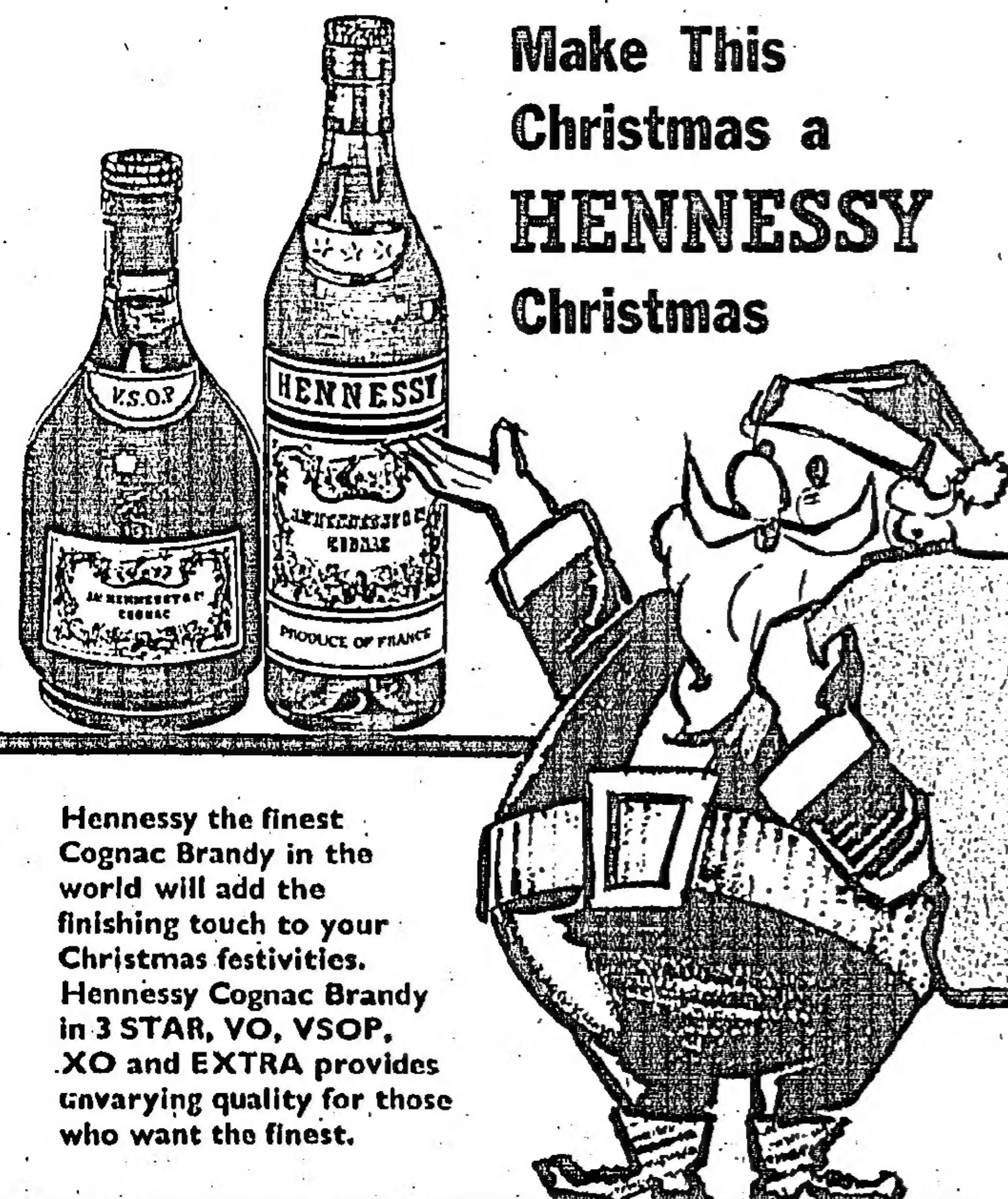
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Class 1 horses in tomorrow's main race

VIRTUOUS LOOKS GOOD FOR A WIN ON MORNING-GALLOP FORM

The Royal Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Race Meeting of the 1960/61 season, to be held tomorrow afternoon, will consist of eight events, the most important of which is the Hyde Park Handicap for Class 1 horses.

The First Sadding Bell will be rung at 1.30 pm and the first race will commence promptly at 2.00 pm.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Hamilton Park Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The opening race of the afternoon is confined to Class 5 horses to be ridden by riders who have not won ten races anywhere at any time.

Freelance Coral (Sam Chow) won the Gascolgne Handicap (Second Section) for horses Class 7 over the mile, carrying

145 lbs. at the First Meeting in 1960/61 with Chun Kit up and on that performance should have a good chance of winning here.

Bowling (J. S. C. Neel) is about the next best in this field, as it has been showing improved form lately. It will give Precious Coral a good fight.

Bonny Boy (Sonny Shum) is improving during morning gallops and it will not be a surprise to see it fighting out the finish.

Heroline (James Chow) should also receive some consideration.

SECOND RACE

Battersea Park Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

This race will be contested by Class 9 horses.

George Porgie (Albert Lam) and Free Success (Lam King-tak) judging from their training gallops appear likely to finish well up.

Tell-me-more (Robert Tsai) is in fine fettle too, and can be

chances of Ever Yours (Wan Shek Ming) to win again.

Desert Hero (Ringo Lai) will be carrying 139 lbs. in view of the opposition it may have a surprise as it is undoubtedly good.

Rotary Wheel (P. Plumby) looks dangerous and Zandbar (Wong Loy) may yet spring a surprise as it is undoubtedly good.

SIXTH RACE

Hyde Park Handicap: One Mile.

This is the main race of the day and is confined to Class 1 horses.

Virtuous (T. H. Yau) has improved in its morning gallops and is my choice for this race.

Honey Bird's chances here are good and if H. K. Hung can handle this animal well enough it should figure prominently at the finish.

Another horse which has attracted some attention during morning gallops is Vanity Fair (Robert Tsai).

As You Wish (Chun Kit) is good to follow as an outsider.

SEVENTH RACE

Haydock Park Handicap (Second Section): From 1 1/2 Mile Post.

The second batch of Class 4 horses will fight out the issue in this race.

It is hard to foretell which will be the public's choice, but for this race I will recommend Ha'mony II (T. H. Yau). This horse is fighting fit at the moment and is good enough to account for whatever opposition may be forthcoming.

Ohay (Robert Tsai) and Elegance (Alex Lam) have not had much success lately, but are quite likely to pop up when least expected.

EIGHTH RACE

Fontwell Park Handicap: 1 1/2 Miles.

This is the final event of the day and is confined to Class 4 horses.

Having placed second in the Waterfall Handicap (First Section) over the mile at Third Race Meeting, Superb (Andrew Lam) should attract the most interest among punters and should win.

However, Welfare (Sonny Shum) should not be treated lightly as it is capable of giving a good account of itself.

For an outsider I recommend Tai O (Alex Lam) and Victoria Peak (P. Plumby) are good as outsiders only.

Cash sweep first prize passes \$200,000 mark

The sale of Cash Sweep tickets for tomorrow's first race passed the \$200,000 mark at noon today, making the first prize worth just over \$210,000 at that time.

The all-time Cash Sweep record for the last little more than \$600,000 won a few seasons back.

The last race of the Fourth Meeting on December 3 this year paid a Cash Sweep first prize of \$341,253.

counted upon for a creditable performance.

Nego Boy (Andrew Lam) can be near too.

The range outsider is Million Dollar (J. M. da Cruz).

THIRD RACE

Haydock Park Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/2 Mile Post.

This sprint race is confined to the First Section of Class 4 horses.

Judging from its training gallop on Tuesday, December 13, over six furlongs in 1:20.2, last quarter 27.4 seconds, I fancy Golden Rule (Alex Lam) in win, but it is likely to receive strong opposition from Apex (W. Wong) and City of Victoria (Albert Lam), both of which are capable of giving Golden Rule a good fight with a decent breakaway.

For an outsider I recommend Eunice (Yen Ching-lan).

FOURTH RACE

Hamilton Park Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

In this race, confined to the Second Section of Class 5 horses, I think Pathfinder (Chun Kit) will have a good chance to beat the field. This chestnut mare did not have the best of luck in its last encounter, but should make amends tomorrow.

I like the way Cutty Sark (Ringo Lai) has been striding along in early morning gallops and believe it will finish well up in front.

I also like Belinda (Wong Loy).

FIFTH RACE

Phoenix Park Handicap: From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

In this sprint race for Class 5 horses, in spite of its promotion from Class 6 after winning the Stirling Handicap with Novice rider Stanley W. H. Ho up over this distance at the last meeting, I still fancy the

Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

Starters, Weights And Riders

Starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the official list issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

The names of ponies are all listed according to the positions drawn. The first named pony has drawn the No. 1 position, the second named the No. 2 and so on.

200 2m Race 1, HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile. Novices. Class 5.	000 Ol Lok Princess (Lum) 145 lbs.
010 Helicon (Lectoff) 146 lbs.	324 Pathinder (Rodney) 147 lbs.
000 Heroline (Sofronoff) 142 lbs.	010 Belinda (Belov) 146 lbs.
040 Lila (S. H. Wong) 146 lbs.	300 Wells (Pereboff) 150 lbs.
001 Precious Coral (Ne) 150 lbs.	324 Cutty Sark (A.S. Wong) 140 lbs.
030 Jura (Tokmokoff) 137 lbs.	000 Dragon Head (Tokmokoff) 143 lbs.
100 Sweet Home (Pereboff) 141 lbs.	000 Wing Hang (Lum) 143 lbs.
210 Dowsprit (A. S. Wong) 145 lbs.	400 2m Race 2, PHOENIX PARK HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile 170 Yards. Class 5.
010 Bonny Boy (Sonny Shum) 140 lbs.	041 Ever Yours (Lum) 150 lbs.
412 Strathlan (Rodney) 140 lbs.	130 Desert Hero (Lum) 130 lbs.
301 Miss Allison (Belov) 145 lbs.	440 Talleman (Belov) 152 lbs.
230 2m Race 2, BATTERSEA PARK HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile 170 Yards. Class 5.	010 Rotary Wheel (Pereboff) 140 lbs.
000 Alex's Fire (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.	300 Gambetta (Tokmokoff) 137 lbs.
004 George Porgie (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.	040 Linda (Lee) 150 lbs.
200 Tell-me-more (A. S. Wong) 154 lbs.	370 Zansibar (Sofronoff) 143 lbs.
000 Free Success (Sofronoff) 140 lbs.	100 Teresa (Rodney) 145 lbs.
000 Triumphante (Lee) 150 lbs.	140 Tai Ping Shan (Metrevelly) 149 lbs.
304 Nego Boy (Rodney) 140 lbs.	200 Confuser (Noodi) 143 lbs.
004 Million Dollar (Cruz) 142 lbs.	004 Trico (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs.
300 2m Race 3, HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile 170 Yards. Class 4.	430 2m Race 4, HYDE PARK HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 Mile. Class 1.
004 Apex (A. S. Wong) 145 lbs.	112 Virtuous (Metrevelly) 154 lbs.
200 Dabie (Metrevelly) 146 lbs.	112 Honey Bird (Lectoff) 152 lbs.
103 Bulla (Lectoff) 140 lbs.	411 Vanly Fair (Lee) 147 lbs.
321 Jemima P. (Rodney) 143 lbs.	140 Rebellion (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs.
221 Golden Rule (Ng) 150 lbs.	014 As You Wish (Rodney) 150 lbs.
000 Ill Fl. (Cruz) 149 lbs.	100 Red Light (Tokmokoff) 142 lbs.
130 Na Pazi (Rodney) 145 lbs.	540 2m Race 5, HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP (2nd Section). 1 Mile 170 Yards. Class 4.
002 City of Victoria (Lum) 145 lbs.	100 Elegance (Sofronoff) 145 lbs.
130 Na Pazi (Rodney) 145 lbs.	300 Fenella (Tokmokoff) 145 lbs.
040 Eunice (Tokmokoff) 137 lbs.	400 Duxey (Tokmokoff) 137 lbs.
401 Butterfly (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs.	012 Harmony II (Metrevelly) 143 lbs.
130 2m Race 4, HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (2nd Section). 1 Mile. Class 5.	340 Ishan (Tokmokoff) 150 lbs.
423 Good Win (Chew) 132 lbs.	000 Okay (Chiang) 143 lbs.
200 How Do I Know (Noodi) 117 lbs.	001 House Top (A. S. Wong) 151 lbs.
400 Gemini (Lee) 140 lbs.	530 2m Race 5, FONTWELL PARK HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 1/2 Miles. Class 4.
	002 Mercury (Metrevelly) 143 lbs.
	400 Victoria Peak (Sofronoff) 140 lbs.
	100 Malayana Pet (Noodi) 145 lbs.
	204 Welfare (Chew) 133 lbs.
	020 Kiava (Belov) 145 lbs.
	421 Tai O (Sofronoff) 154 lbs.
	322 Captain Kit (Nod) 160 lbs.
	002 Superb (Rodney) 140 lbs.
	010 Gay Monarch (Belov) 145 lbs.
	202 Castle Peak (Chiang) 147 lbs.

Midland clubs join in football strike decision

Birmingham, Dec. 15.

Professional footballers from England's Midland clubs voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike here today, and so joined players in the North and South in a fight for better wages and conditions.

Almost all the 500 players who attended rallies in London on Monday and Manchester yesterday supported the strike—planned to start on Jan. 14—and today only about 12 of 200 were against action.

Main demands

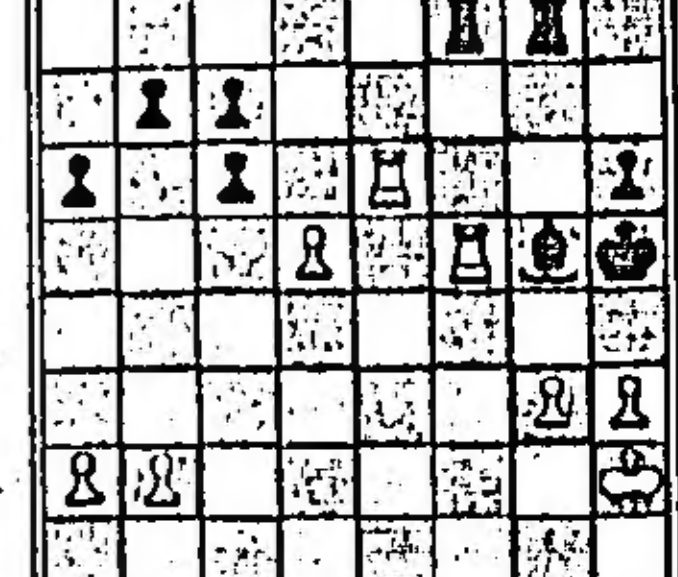
The three meetings were held to discuss concessions made by the chairman of football clubs to claims made by Professional Footballers' Association for a new form of contract, the right to negotiate minimum and not maximum

wages, the right to a percentage of transfer fees, and the setting up of a negotiation committee to deal with disputes. The chairman have made concessions to the players' demands for higher wages—granting a higher maximum of £30 a week—and a new contract of service up to three years instead of the present annual contract.

But the players' main demands—the abolition of the maximum wages and reforms in the transfer system—were not granted at last Friday's meeting of chairman—Reuter.

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by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position from actual play. White to move, and win.

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Full weekend hockey programme

MACAENSIS 'A' TAKE ON ARMY 'A' IN FEATURE MATCH

By NUMPERE

Men's League hockey resumes this week with a full programme apart from the First Division fixture between IRC 'A' and Recreio 'B' which has been postponed.

In the First Division the four top teams in the league table are involved with each other and the match of the day will be that between Macaensis 'A' and Army 'A'.

At present Macaensis 'A' are on top of the table, two points ahead of fourth-placed Army 'A'. But the Army have a match in hand. This is a tough one to forecast, but the Army will probably take at least one point. The second and third-placed teams, Nav Bharat 'A' and KCC 'A' meet at KCC. Nav Bharat have team problems in finding replacements for players lost recently but I fancy they will take both points. In the other match in this Division Recreio 'A' should have an easy win against Macaensis 'B'.

Both sections of the Second Division are virtually two-horse races for promotion and probably of more interest is which teams will drop out to form the Third Division next season.

Perfect record

In Section 'A' Prisons should maintain their winning run at Stanley against HKHC 'B' whilst their promotion rivals Army 'B' are without a match.

Rangers have been slipping recently but should win against Macaensis 'C' and Nav Bharat 'B', at home to Lions, should take both points.

In Section 'B' League leaders RAF should beat Dutch HC at Kai Tak but second-placed Army 'C' will find the going hard against HKHC 'A'. In the other match in this division KCC 'B' should go a step nearer to remaining in the Second Division by beating Nav Bharat 'C'.

In the Ladies' Division Recreio should have no trouble in keeping their 100 per cent record in their match against St Georges, and Gremlins 'A' meet KCC in what should prove to be a very even tussle.

KGV 'A's team work should prove a little too good for Gremlins 'B' and Victorians, if they can field a full side, would beat KGV 'B'.

Weekend fixtures

TOMORROW

Ladies' Division
Recreio vs St Georges at Happy Valley, 4 pm. Umpires: F. Van Dongen, H. C. W. Crebas.

Gremlins 'B' vs KGV 'A' at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: F. Soares, A. Van der Sluis.

Victorians vs KGV 'B' at Happy Valley, 2.30 pm. Umpires: M. Caswell, H. C. W. Crebas.

Gremlins 'A' vs KCC at King's Park, 4 pm. Umpires: K. Lall, A. Van der Sluis.

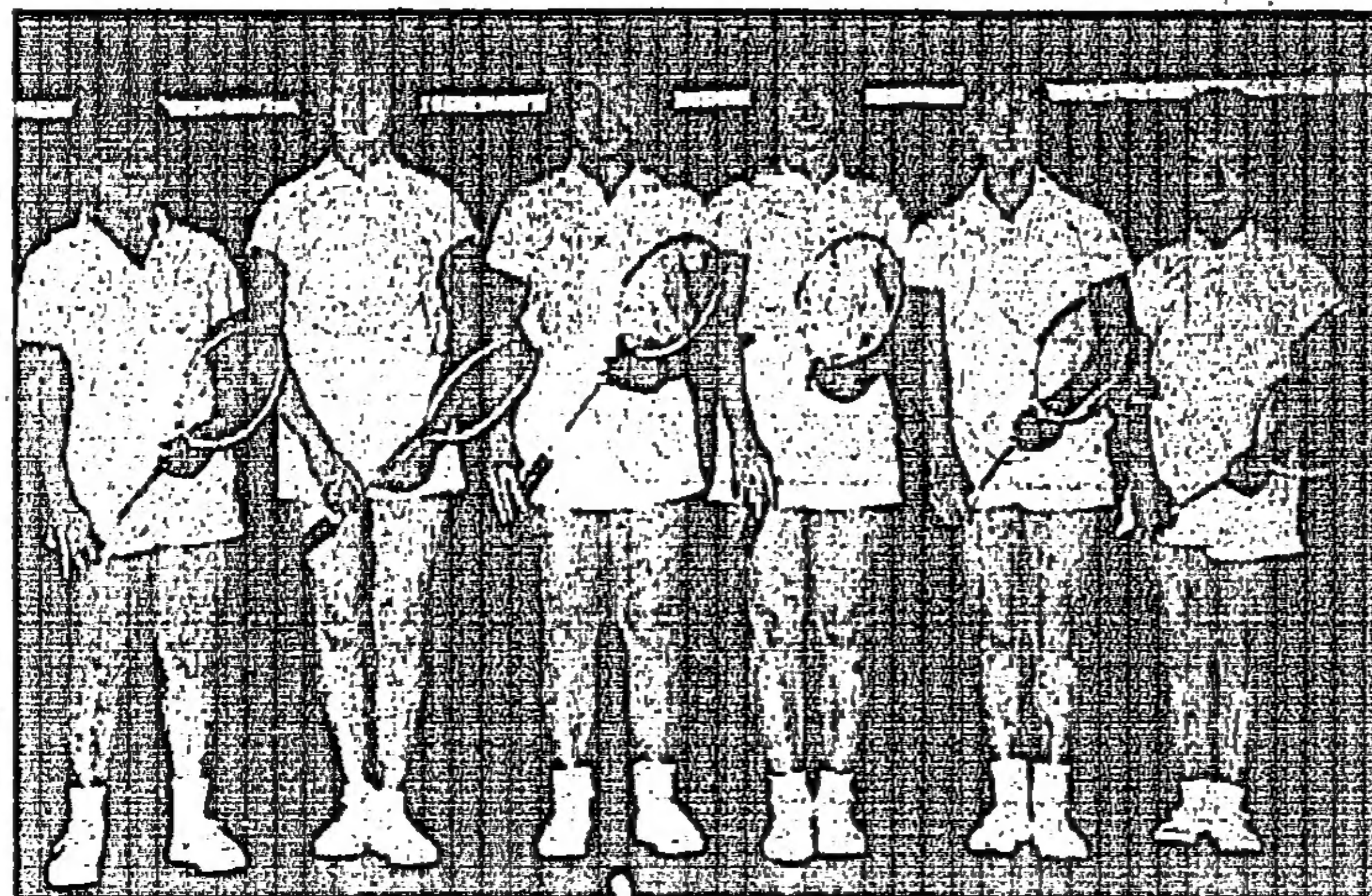
SUNDAY

Men's League
First Division
Recreio 'A' vs Macaensis 'B' at Recreio, 11.30 am. Umpires: Col. Miller, Y. Khan.

Macaensis 'A' vs Army 'A' at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: H. C. W. Crebas, A. Van der Sluis.

KCC 'A' vs Nav Bharat 'A' at KCC, 2.30 pm. Umpires: J. Howe, P. Xavier.

CHAMPIONS FOR SIXTH TIME



The Craigengower Senior ladies badminton team set a hard-to-beat record in local league badminton when they retained the Colony League title for the sixth year in succession last Friday by beating the Chinese YMCA by six games to three in the deciding match. The victory also gave versatile Colony sportswoman Helen Kwong the unique distinction of having captured the winning team six times in succession.

Photo of the champion team shows (from left): Miss Chan So-moo, Miss Diana Yung, Miss Helen Kwong, Mrs S. Y. Wong, Miss Winnie Chan and Mrs Y. Y. Chung. — China Mail photo.

IRC 'A' vs Recreio 'B' at Seakumpen, 11.30 am (Postponed).

SECOND DIVISION

Section 'A'
HKHC 'B' at Stanley, 4 pm. Umpires: B. Singh, Lall Singh.

Rangers vs Macaensis 'C' at King's Park, 4 pm. Umpires: M. Caswell, J. K. Fellows.

Nav Bharat 'B' vs Lions at Seakumpen, 8.45 am. Umpires: A. Aziz, H. Garton.

Section 'B'
HKHC 'A' vs Army 'C' at Happy Valley, 2.30 pm. Umpires: F. Van Dongen, C. Blackburn.

KCC 'B' vs Nav Bharat 'C' at KCC, 11.30 am. Umpires: F. Soares, Sadhu Singh.

RAF vs Dutch HC at Kai Tak, 10.30 am. Umpires: W. Matthews, M. Streefland.

Marathon FA Cup tie comes to an end

Middlebrough, Dec. 15. Hull City beat Darlington 3-0 here tonight after a marathon FA Cup second round tie covering five matches and a total of 8½ playing hours.

The original match on November 26 and the four replays equalled the record number of games needed to decide an FA Cup tie, but on time the clubs fell short of the record by 52 minutes.

In 1955, Bury and Stoke played a total of 9 hours 22 minutes before reaching a decision.

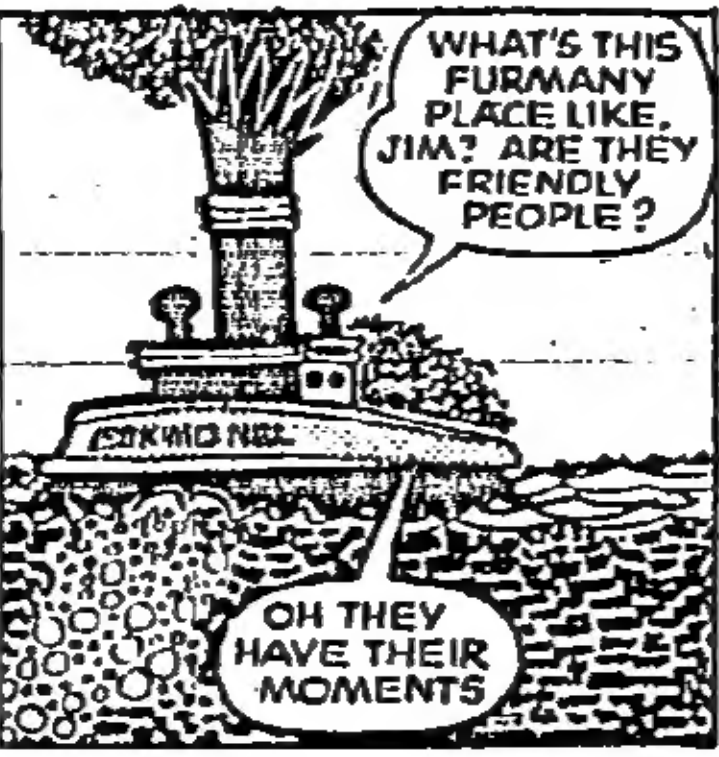
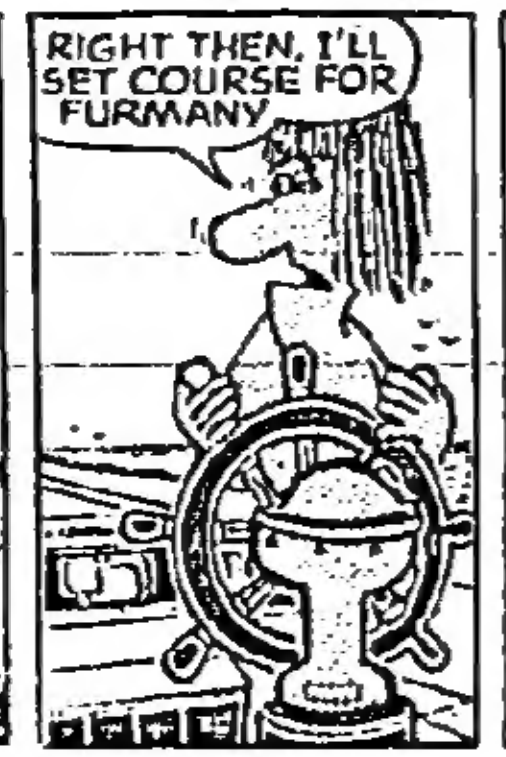
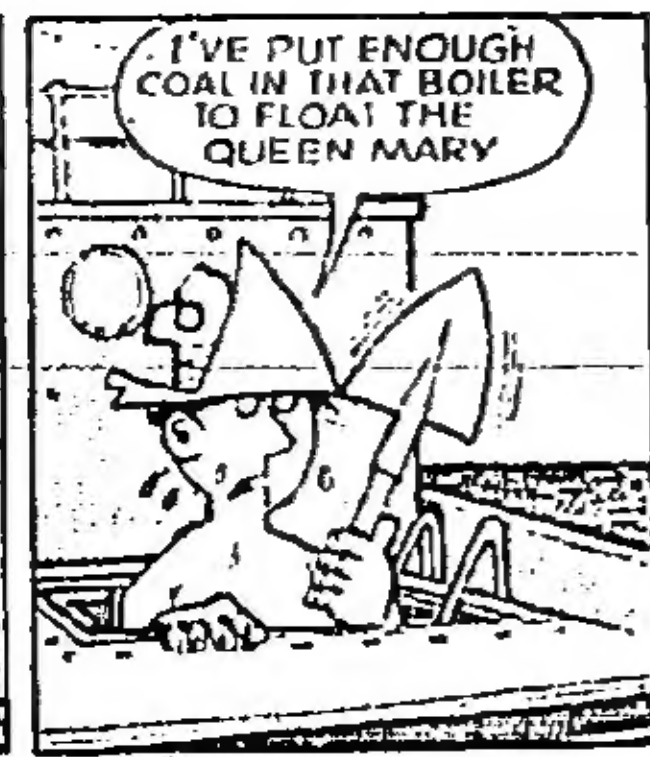
Hull played cool, constructive football tonight, making far better use of their opportunities than Darlington. Hull are at home to Bolton Wanderers in the third round on January 7.—Reuter.

Volleyball win for Russia

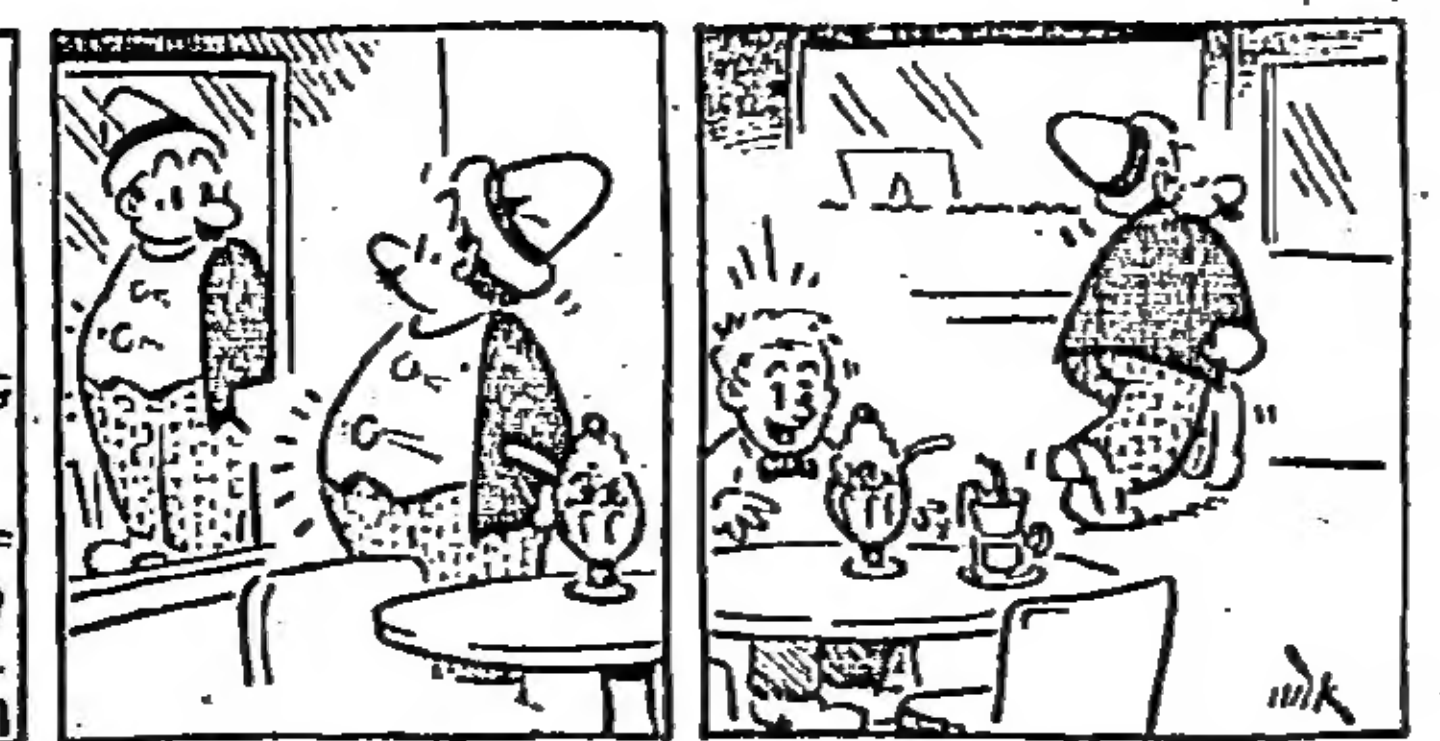
Allohabad, Dec. 15. The Soviet Union beat India by 15-5, 15-3, 15-9 in the second volleyball Test match here today.—Reuter.

Four D. Jones

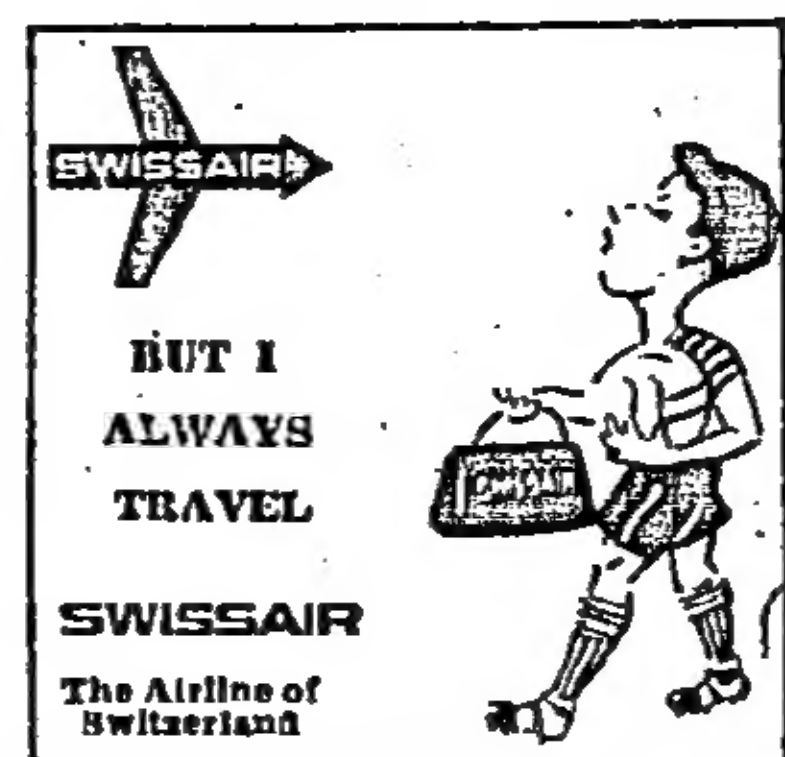
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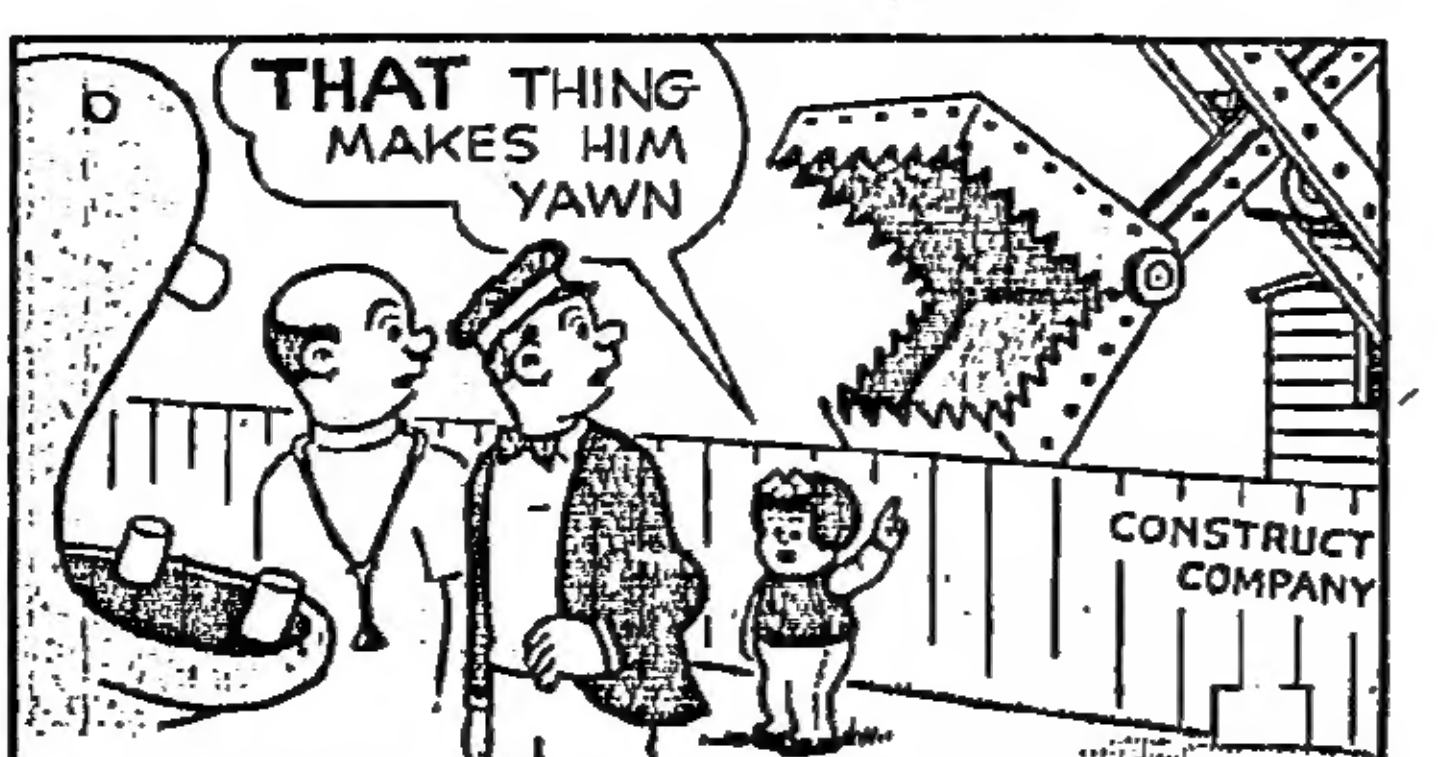
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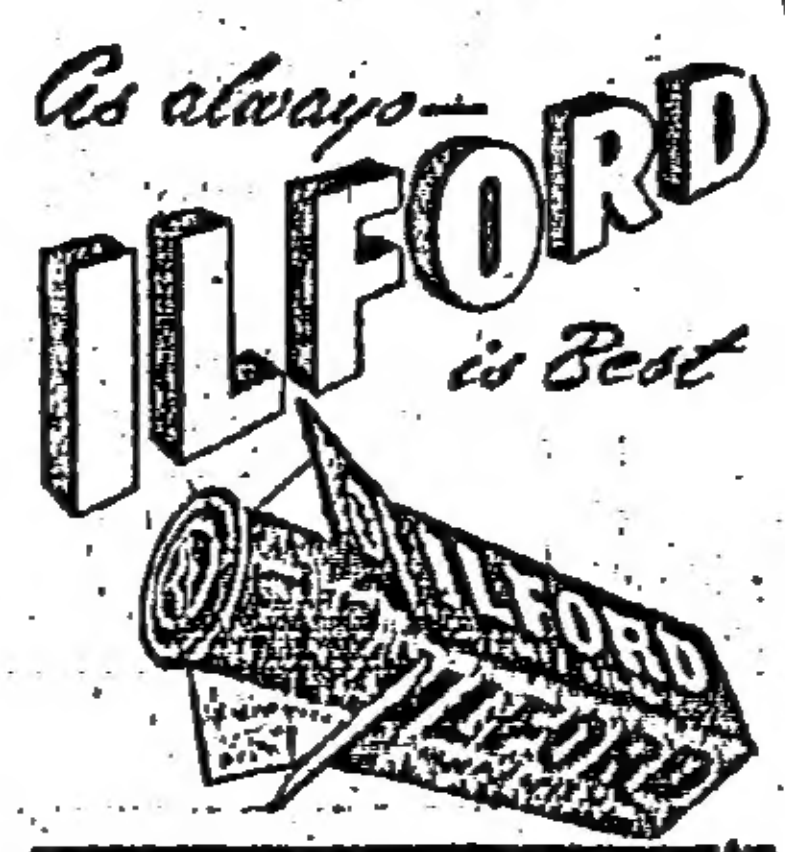
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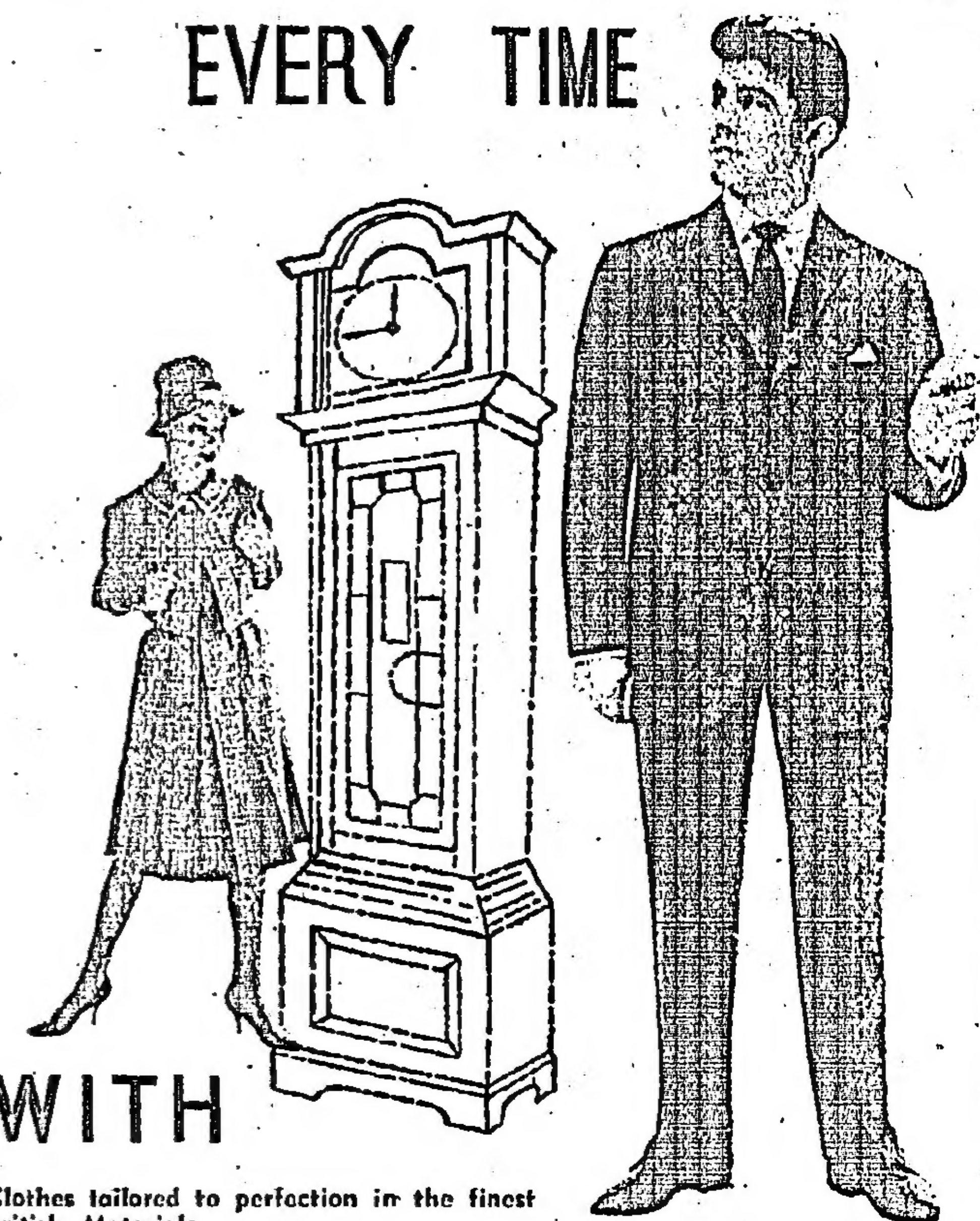
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1960.

200 huts go up in flames early this morning BLAZE MAKES 1,000 HOMELESS



Scene of the early morning squatter fire at Tai Hang which broke out at about 2 am. (Staff Photographer).

One casualty reported: drug addicts blamed

Almost 1,000 people were made homeless when a big squatter fire destroyed about 200 huts on the hillside of Lin Fa Kung, Tai Hang, early this morning.

Local film to make debut in America

A local film will soon make its debut in America.

Film magnate, Mr. Run Run Shaw who has just returned from a two and a half months tour of America, told the China Mail this morning that "The Enchanting Shadow," of Cannes Film Festival fame, will be screened in every big city in America in March.

"This may well be the beginning of presenting quality Hongkong films to the American audience," said Mr. Shaw. He believes that people in the United States now like films with Oriental backgrounds and more and more are aware of the craze for things oriental grows.

He is visiting the Exhibition of Hongkong Products, where he was welcomed by the President, Mr. Chu Shek-lun and members of the CMA.

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He was accompanied by Mr. F. A. do Menezes Ribeiro, Vice-consul for Macao.

One woman, slightly injured and sent to Queen Mary Hospital, was the only casualty reported.

The Social Welfare Department immediately accommodated the fire victims in the compound of the Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association and proceeded with registration.

Up to 9.30 this morning, a total of 948 victims comprising 200 families had been registered.

Hot meals

The Social Welfare Department also served hot meals.

Two fire engines and two ambulances rushed to the site which broke out shortly after 2 am.

As wind fanned the fire across the squatter area, stores of kerosene exploded, sending the flames skywards.

The conflagration swept across the area from the first to the sixth sections.

Roaring flames, screams of pain, cries of human beings, hum of engines, hissing sprays from water jets and collapsing huts created a near panic.

As the firemen rushed up, the victims swept down the hillside hampering each other in escape and fire-fighting.

Many fleeing victims were heard swearing hard against "too you" (drug addicts) whose smoking they thought, had caused the disaster.

Under control

The fire was brought under control at 3.30 am and was put out about 4 am.

The actual cause of the fire, however, is still under investigation, according to a Government spokesman this morning.

About the same time as the squatter fire was sweeping up the Lin Fa Kung hillside, another fire broke out and damaged about 250 tons of scrap rubber in Kowloon.

A man and a woman were injured and sent to hospital for treatment of slight burns in the fire that broke out in open ground near Bedford-road shortly before 2 am.

Nine engines arrived and put out the fire after half an hour.

Waste paper and wooden cases in a former timber yard were also destroyed.



Ian Kingsley (left) and Timothy Birch who are directing and producing the Christmas operation.

Radio Hongkong plans 'operation Santa Claus'

Have you ever felt at Christmas time that you would like to help in some small way towards making someone's Christmas a little more happy?

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week there'll be a chance for you to do just this. Whether it's a dollar you have to spare or five hundred or even a thousand it will all be welcome during Operation Santa Claus.

For three evenings next week Radio Hongkong is devoting its entire English programme to raising money for the poor children of Hongkong at Christmas time.

Between 9.15 pm and midnight on the 16th and 21st, your favourite music will be played in exchange for your pledges of a contribution to the fund.

All you have to do is this: ring Radio Hongkong on 3500 or 2022, pledge the amount of money you want to give, name the music you would like played, give a dedication if you wish, and give your name and address (you can if you like remain anonymous).

You can see the choice of music is designed to suit the tastes of most listeners, so check your choice from the list on this page and get your favourite music played in aid of Operation Santa Claus.

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1. Incurably Romantic
2. I Love you in the Same Old Way
3. Midnight Lace
4. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
5. Charming Billy
6. Look for a Star
7. My Heart has a Mind of Its Own
8. No
9. I Wish I'd Never Been Born
10. My Girl Josephine
11. I've Got a Teenie Weenie Yellow
12. Polka Dot Bikini
13. I'll Save the Last Dance for you
14. Melodie d'Amour
15. The Clickety Clack Song
16. Tell me one more Time
17. Romantica
18. To Each His Own
19. Come Back, Silly Girl
20. Come Back to Me
21. Are you Lonesome Tonight?
22. The First Newell
23. Good King Wenceslas
24. While Shepherds Watched
25. Silent Night
26. See Amid the Winter Snow
27. Adele Fiedler
28. Ave Maria (Gounod)
29. Serenade (Schubert)
30. Christmas song by Tom Lehrer
31. I'm Walking Backwards for Christmas (The Goons)
32. The Ding Dong Song
33. China Night
34. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
35. Santa Baby
36. Selection from My Fair Lady
37. Selection from The King and I
38. Selection from South Pacific
39. The Ding Dong Song
40. China Night
41. Song by Aileen Woods
42. Scotland the Brave
43. Danny Boy
44. Land of my Fathers
45. The British Grenadiers
46. Mort Sahl
47. Shelley Berman
48. Bob Newhart
49. The Goons
50. King's College Chapel Choir

May's it because I'm a Londoner

Alf on a G String (Bach)

Finals of contest

The finals of the 1960 Schools Oratorical Contest will be held tomorrow at 3 pm in the auditorium of the Queen Elizabeth School in Kowloon. No admittance fee will be charged and the public are welcome to attend the Finals. Twenty-four pupils from the Colony's Primary and Secondary Schools will compete for valuable prizes.

From the Files
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December 1935

MR Donald Burlingham, who acted as Inspector General during the absence of the Hon Mr T. H. King on leave, is to be invalided out of the Police Force and is sailing towards the end of this month for Hong Kong on retirement.

He arrived in 1912 and was sent to Canton to learn Cantonese, and later after an attack on the Police Station at Cheung Chau, it was thought advisable to appoint an ASP to take charge of the Indian police in the whole of the New Territories and for this purpose Mr Burlingham was sent to India to learn Punjabi and Urdu.

After war service in the Indian Army he was later ADC to the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs.

While holding the post of ASP (New Territories) Mr Burlingham had the distinction of bagging the only tiger to have been shot in the Colony.

The head of the tiger now adorns the lobby at Police Headquarters, close to the Inspector General's office. It was formerly in the old City Hall Museum.

A dining room boy, aged 21, at the Hongkong Club was fined \$15, or three weeks hard labour, when he pleaded guilty before Mr Macfadyen at Central yesterday to the theft of a bottle of sherry, the property of his employers.

The complainant was Mr Kerr, Secretary of the Hongkong Club. Defendant pleaded that the bottle contained remnants of sherry and it was his intention to take it home for his own consumption.

Mr Kerr stated that the practice was definitely not allowed. Det Sergeant Gulla said there was quite a lot of this going on and the Club would like his Worship to take a serious view of the case and make an example of the defendant as a deterrent to other boys.

Defendant had been employed at the Club for the past four years and his wages were \$21 a month.

HONGKONG theatre - goes will have the opportunity early next month of seeing one of the outstanding plays of the year, "Lady Precious Stream", which will be produced by the Hongkong University Arts Association under the direction of Mr B. G. Birch in the University Great Hall by kind permission on Saturday, January 11.

AIR SERVICE TO MACAO NEXT YEAR?

The Macao Air Transport (HK) Ltd plans to introduce a passenger service between Hongkong and Macao early next year.

UPSET PRICE FOR FLAT FACTORY LAND \$1.9 MILLION

Two pieces of crown land in San Po Kong, Kowloon, will be sold by public auction at the Crown Lands and Survey Office in the Central Government Offices on January 16, at 3 pm. The first lot, about 47,400 square feet in area, is to be used for the construction of a flat factory for use by small manufacturers. The upset price is \$1.9 million.

The second lot, 14,920 square feet in area, is restricted to industrial purposes, and the upset price is \$450,000.

Industrialists asked to consider Macao

"Your products are famous throughout the world," said Lieut Colonel Jaime Silverio Marques this morning to members of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association.

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